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## 4. The brothers

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A silhouette of a person standing on a rock, reaching out to help another person climb. The background is a sunset or sunrise with a bird in flight and a tree.

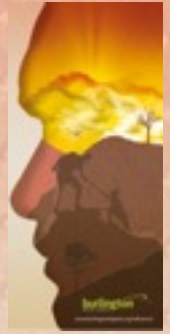


## Genesis 37:15

A man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, ‘What are you looking for?’

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# They saw him ...

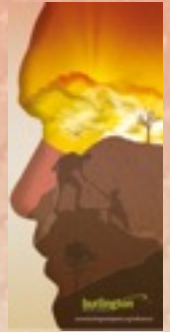
## and a lifetime of hatred erupted

**Genesis 37:18-19**

But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them,... ‘Here comes that dreamer!’ they said to each other. ‘Come now, let’s kill him ...’

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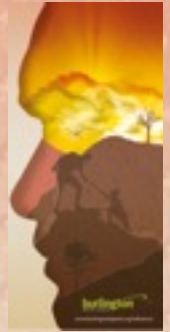
**Genesis 42:21**

We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; ....”

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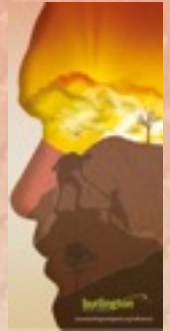
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How does a  
human being  
get so out of  
control?



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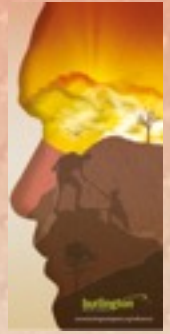
**Matthew 12:33**

Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.

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Harbouring  
bitterness, holding  
on to a grudge,  
nursing anger are  
all paths towards  
murder!



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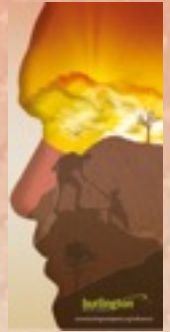
**Matthew 5:21**

You have heard that it was said ..“You shall not murder,and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.” But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

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# They saw him ...

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**1 John 3:15**

Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

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# When bitterness is near

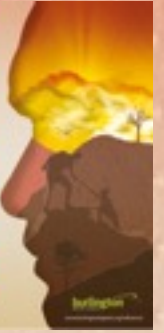
## 1. Go & sort it!

**Matthew 5:23**

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

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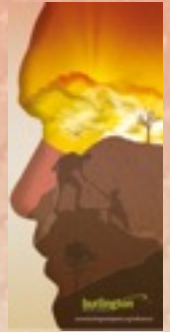
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**Matthew 18:15**

‘If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

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## 1. Go & sort it!

**Ephesians 4:26-27**

In your anger do not sin': do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

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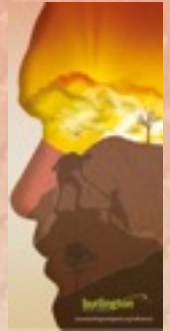
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### Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.'

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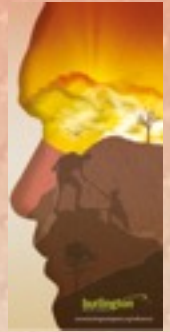
## 2. Stop reliving it

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

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## 2. Stop reliving it

**2 Corinthians 10:5**

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

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## 3. Guard against it

**1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.

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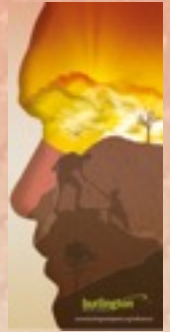
i. sin devalues people

**Genesis 37:19**

Here comes that dreamer!' they said to each other.

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## 3. Guard against it

### ii. sin breeds deception

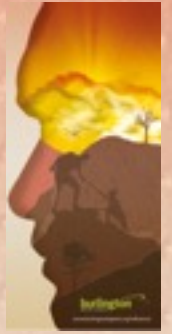
**Genesis 37:20**

"Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him.

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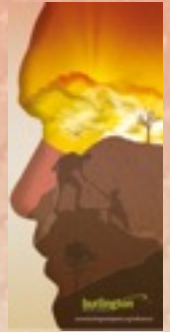
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Are you  
pretending an  
attitude is  
perfectly  
acceptable  
when it isn't?



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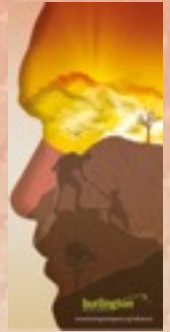
iii. sin is what we don't do

### Genesis 37:21-22

When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. 'Let's not take his life,' he said.

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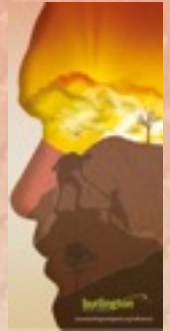
iv. sin becomes comfortable

**Genesis 37:27**

Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

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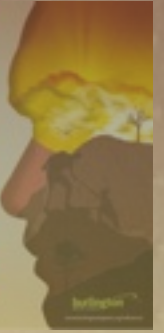
v. sin is very destructive

### Genesis 37:34-35

Then Jacob tore his clothes, ... and mourned for his son ... he refused to be comforted. .. 'I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.' So his father wept for him.

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**Ephesians 4:31**

**Get rid of all bitterness ...**



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