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Table Talk Parshat Vayeshev

בראשית ל"ז:ג-ה'

וַיִּשְׂרָאֵל אֶהָב אֶת־יוֹסֵף מִכָּל־בָּנָיו כִּי־בֶן־זָקְנִים
הוּא לוֹ וַעֲשָׂה לוֹ כְּתֹנֶת פָּסִים: וַיֵּרְאוּ אֶחָיו כִּי־
אִתּוֹ אֶהָב אֲבִיהֶם מִכָּל־אֶחָיו וַיִּשְׁנְאוּ אוֹתוֹ וְלֹא
יָכְלוּ דַּבְּרוֹ לְשָׁלָם: וַיַּחֲלֶם יוֹסֵף חֲלוֹם וַיַּגֵּד לְאֶחָיו
וַיּוֹסְפוּ עוֹד שְׂנֹא אוֹתוֹ:

Genesis 37:3-5

Now Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him an ornamented tunic. And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him so that they could not speak a friendly word to him. Once Joseph had a dream which he told to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

רד"ק על בראשית ל"ז:ד':א'

ולא יכלו דברו לשלום, לדבר עמו בדברי
שלום אלא בדברי מריבה:

Radak on Genesis 37:4:1

ולא יכלו דברו לשלום, any conversation with Joseph did not revolve around peacefully discussed matters of common interest, but concerned only matters of dispute between them.

"But with dramatic speed, that love and that gift (of being the favorite) turn out to be Joseph's undoing. His brothers began hating him. When he told them his dream, they hated him even more. His second dream offended even his father. Later, when he went to see his brothers tending their flocks, they first plotted to kill him, and eventually sold him as a slave."

-The Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Let's Talk!

What did Yosef talk about that led to friction with his brothers?

What things do you have in common with your siblings?

How does talking about commonalities help people get along?

What is a productive way to disagree with another person?

What could you do if you get into a pattern of fighting with your siblings or friends?



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