

GAME CHANGERS

FORGIVENESS CHANGES EVERYTHING

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*“And when Joseph’s brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. **16** And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, **17** So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. **18** And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. **19** And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? **20** But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. **21** Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.” **GENESIS 50:15–21***

INTRODUCTION

*“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;” **HEBREWS 12:15***

01 THE _____ OF FRIENDSHIP

A. The _____ of His Brethren

JACOB’S FAMILY

“Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many

colours. ⁴ And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him." **GENESIS 37:3-4**

JOSEPH'S FORETELLING

"And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: ⁷ For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf." **GENESIS 37:6-7**

THE BROTHERS' FURY

"And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words." **GENESIS 37:8**

"And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying." **GENESIS 37:11**

B. The _____ of His Brethren

"Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content." **GENESIS 37:27**

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." **2 TIMOTHY 3:12**

02 THE _____ OF THE FAITHFUL

Quote: "It is required of a man that he be faithful, not successful."
"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."
1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

A. Focus of _____

WHEN BETRAYED

"And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. ⁸ But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;" **GENESIS 39:7-8**

Quote: "Integrity is keeping my commitment even if the circumstances when I made the commitment have changed."

WHEN FALSELY IMPRISONED

"And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison." **GENESIS 39:20**

B. Focus of _____

IN PRISON

"And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you."
GENESIS 40:8

IN PHARAOH'S COURT

"And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do."
GENESIS 41:25

"And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt."
GENESIS 41:46

"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: **27** Neither give place to the devil. **28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." **EPHESIANS 4:26-28**

03 THE _____ OF FORGIVENESS

A. The _____ Is Free

HE RECEIVED THEM GLADLY

"And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. **5** Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life." **GENESIS 45:4-5**

"And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty." **GENESIS 45:11**

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."
EPHESIANS 4:32

Quote: "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."—**Lewis Smedes**

HE REJOICED IN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." **GENESIS 50:20**

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."
ROMANS 8:28

B. The _____ Is Free

FREED FROM THEIR FEAR

"And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him." **GENESIS 50:15**

FREE FROM THEIR GUILT

"Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them."
GENESIS 50:21

CONCLUSION

"He is despised and rejected of men; A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: And we hid as it were our faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not." **ISAIAH 53:3**



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