

Joseph - Week 13

The Brothers Journey to Egypt

Gen 42:3-13

Gen 42:3 Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. 4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. 5 So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for the famine was in the land of Canaan also. 6 Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the one who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. 7 As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he asked. "From the land of Canaan," they replied, "to buy food." 8 Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. 9 Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected." 10 "No, my lord," they answered. "Your servants have come to buy food. 11 We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies." 12 "No!" he said to them. "You have come to see where our land is unprotected." 13 But they replied, "Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more."

I. The _____ Family

- They surely were outside the will of God because of their _____ concerning Joseph.
- Today, being _____ about what is going on in this world is not an acceptable action.
Henry Blackaby says "The world says 'don't just stand there, do something' but God says 'don't just do something, stand there'".
- Most of the time in Scripture, going to Egypt was an act of _____.

II. The Brothers' _____

1. They acknowledged Joseph--just as the dreams foretold-- with simple _____.
The brothers were _____ by Joseph's appearance and fell down on the ground.
God's finger pointed at them, but _____ of eyes and heart caused them to not see Joseph.
2. They acknowledged him with a subtle _____.
3. They acknowledged Joseph with _____.
4. They acknowledged Joseph under painful _____.

- Joseph's motive was not _____, it was _____ and _____.
- Simeon needed special _____.
- Joseph would _____ their _____ by bringing Benjamin back with them.
- God was not done with them and their need for _____.
- They were perplexed but not quite ready for _____.
- The brothers would learn how to give up _____.
- In the past the brothers lived a life of _____. Joseph lived a life in fear for his life and with no _____.
- The discussion among the brothers--- was it genuine repentance or just deep regret? Regret makes us feel bad, but _____ drives us to change.

What do the brothers teach us today?

1. _____ will, in time, meet with a fall.
2. Hindrances cannot stop the _____ and purposes of God.
3. One day all of the _____ must face the judgment seat of God.
4. The brothers learn that what goes around comes around.
5. The judgment Joseph was bringing on them made him _____.
6. Finally, they took some _____ for their guilt.
7. They returned to Canaan but not _____ - _____. Joseph performed an act of _____.