

What To Do... When You Don't Know... What To Do...?

(4) Revenge Feels Good – But Then...

RESTORATION MATTERS TO GOD!

The **HEALING OF THE HEART** involves the **HEALING OF THE PAST!**

Genesis 41:57...

And **all the world came to Egypt** to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe **everywhere**.

Genesis 42:3...

“Then **ten of Joseph’s brothers** went down to buy grain from Egypt...”

Genesis 42:6-13...

Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person 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**.”

**GOD GIVES US MORE THAN WE REQUEST...
BY GOING DEEPER THAN WE ASK!**

He not only wants your **WHOLE HEART**... He wants your **HEART WHOLE!**

HURT PEOPLE... HURT PEOPLE!

GOD’S PLANS for the **Nation of Israel** depended solely on the **COMPASSION OF JOSEPH!**

YOUR HISTORY... DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOUR FUTURE!

REVEALING... IS WHAT LEADS TO HEALING!

Romans 12:2...

“... be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Let **JESUS** remind you that **YOU ARE NOT WHO THEY SAID YOU WERE!**

YOU ARE GOD'S CHILD... HIS CREATION... DESTINED FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE and a HIGHER PLACE (Heaven) ... and let HIM set you on a path of RECONCILIATION!

Genesis 42:21...

They said to one another, “Surely we are being punished because of our **brother**. We saw how distressed **he** was when **he** pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come on us.”

REVENGE FEELS GOOD – BUT THEN...

REVENGE builds a LONELY HOUSE!

GOD KNOWS... for HIS HEALING to TAKE PLACE... IT INCLUDES A “MOVE” – AWAY FROM HARDNESS and TOWARDS FORGIVENESS!

GOD “MOVES” US FORWARD... BY HEALING OUR PAST!

Ephesians 4:31...

GET RID of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Colossians 3:13...

“... FORGIVE one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. FORGIVE as the Lord FORGAVE you.”

“(GOD) WILL repay...”

Genesis 42:36...

“You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!”

Genesis 43:8-9...

*Then **JUDAH** said to Israel his father, “Send the boy along with **me** and we will go at once, so that we and you and our children may live and not die. **I myself** will guarantee his safety; you can hold **me** personally responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him here before you, I will bear the blame before you all my life.*

**FOR ANYTHING TO GOOD TO HAPPEN TO JACOB’S FAMILY...
SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY HAD TO GROW UP!**

GOD HANDLES ALL THE JUDAH’S!

**FORGIVENESS DOESN’T DIMINISH JUSTICE...
IT JUST ENTRUSTS IT TO GOD!**

FIX YOUR ENEMIES... THAT’S GOD’S JOB!

FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES... THAT’S YOUR JOB!

Ephesians 4:26-27... (NASB)

*Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an **OPPORTUNITY**.*

F...O...R...G...I...V...E...

**TURN YOUR ATTENTION AWAY FROM WHAT THEY DID “TO” YOU...
TO WHAT JESUS DID “FOR” YOU!**

**AS LONG AS YOU’RE “TRYING TO FORGIVE...”
YOU ARE FORGIVING!**
