

MY FAMILY CIRCUS

God's Answer's To Surviving A Family Full Of Lions... Clowns and Bearded-Ladies!

(6) The Echo... Echo... Echo...

**WE ARE WHO WE ARE...
BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE THAT CAME ALONG BEFORE US!**

ABRAHAM > ISAAC > ESAU and JACOB...

JACOB > Twelve Sons

~ JOSEPH ~

The Story of Joseph...

JOSEPH decides he was going to continue to **LIVE HIS LIFE** like **GOD WAS WITH HIM**... Even though it had appeared that **GOD HAD ABANDONED HIM!**

The Story of Joseph...

Genesis 39:21...

...the Lord was **with him**; he showed him **kindness** and granted him **favor** in the eyes of the **prison warden**.

The Story of Joseph...

Genesis 42:5-7a...

So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain - for there was famine in the land of Canaan also. Now **Joseph** was the governor of the land - the person who sold grain to all its people. So when **Joseph's brothers** arrive... **they bowed down to him** with their faces to the ground. 7 As soon as Joseph saw his brothers... **he recognized them...**

JOSEPH CONNECTS THE DOTS...

The Story of Jacob...

Genesis 27:41...

Esau held a **grudge** against **Jacob** because of the **blessing** his father had given him. He said to himself... **"The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."**

The Story of Jacob...

Genesis 31:3...

Then the Lord said to Jacob... **"Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives... and I will be with you!"**

Genesis 33:1a...

*Jacob looked up and there was **Esau**... coming with **his four hundred men**;*

Genesis 33:1b-2...

*...he divided the children among Leah - Rachel and the two female servants.
2 He put the female servants and their children in front - Leah and her children
next and Rachel and **Joseph** in the rear.*

Verse 3...

*He himself went on ahead and **bowed down** to the ground seven times as he
approached **his brother**.*

Genesis 33:4-7...

*But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his
neck and kissed him. **And they wept**. Then Esau looked up and saw the women
and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "They are
the children God has graciously given your servant." Then the female servants
and their children approached and **bowed down**. 7 Next... Leah and her
children came and **bowed down**. Last of all came **Joseph** and Rachel... and
they too **bowed down**.*

**JOSEPH CHOOSES TO DO...
WHAT HE SAW... WAS DONE FOR HIM!**

**HE CHOOSES TO DO...
WHAT HE GREW UP HEARING... THE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT!**

**HE EXTENDED MERCY... TO BROTHERS...
WHO DESERVED... NO MERCY!**

*"You may have intended this for **EVIL**... but **GOD** has intended it for **GOOD!**"*

*They will **FORGET**... just about **EVERYTHING** that we **SAY**...*

BUT THEY WILL NEVER FORGET... WHAT WE DO!

WHAT YOU DO... WHEN IT'S MOST DIFFICULT...

WILL ECHO... INTO YOUR NEXT GENERATION!

ACTIONS... They don't merely speak louder than **WORDS**...

SOMETIMES... They **ECHO** into the **NEXT GENERATION!**