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Doing the Unthinkable

Forgive, As We Forgive Others



Hebrews 12:6

- 6) For the Lord **disciplines** the one he **loves**, and chastises every son whom he receives.

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Genesis 40:14-15

- 14) Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house.
- 15) For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also **I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.**”

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1st Corinthians 13:5

- 5) For the Lord **disciplines** the one he **loves**, and chastises every son whom he receives.

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Lessons from Joseph

- 1) Do not let anyone else know **what someone did to you** or what they said to you

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Genesis 45:1

- 1) Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, **“Make everyone go out from me.”** So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

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Lessons from Joseph

- 1) Do not let anyone else know **what someone did to you** or what they said to you
- 2) Do not allow anyone to **be afraid of you** or intimidated by you

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Romans 8:14-15

- 14) For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- 15) For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into **fear**, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”



Lessons from Joseph

- 1) Do not let anyone else know **what someone did to you** or what they said to you
- 2) Do not allow anyone to **be afraid of you** or intimidated by you
- 3) Your goal is for them to **forgive themselves** and not feel guilty

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Genesis 45:5

- 5) And now **do not be distressed** or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

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Lessons from Joseph

- 1) We need to **let them save face**

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Genesis 45:7-8

- 7) And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.
- 8) **So it was not you who sent me here, but God.** He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.



Lessons from Joseph

- 1) We need to **let them save face**
- 2) We need to **protect them from their greatest fear**

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Genesis 45:9-13

- 9) And Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, **God has made me lord of all Egypt**. Come down to me; do not tarry.
- 10) You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

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Genesis 45:9-13

- 11) There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'
- 12) And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.
- 13) **You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt,** and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

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Psalm 51:4

- 4) **Against you, you only, have I sinned** and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

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Genesis 45:14-15

- 14) Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck.
- 15) And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. **After that his brothers talked with him.**

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Lessons from Joseph

- 1) We need to **let them save face**
- 2) We need to **protect them from their greatest fear**
- 3) We need to **make a lifelong commitment**

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Genesis 50:16-17

- 16) So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “**Your father gave this command before he died:**
- 17) ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

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Genesis 50:19-21

- 19) But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?”
- 20) As for you, you meant evil against me, but **God meant it for good**, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.
- 21) So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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Lessons from Joseph

- 1) We need to **let them save face**
- 2) We need to **protect them from their greatest fear**
- 3) We need to **make a lifelong commitment**
- 4) We need to **pray for them to be blessed**

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Matthew 5:44

44) But I say to you, **Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.**

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Matthew 6:9-13

- 9) Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
- 10) Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- 11) Give us this day our daily bread,
- 12) and forgive us our debts, **as we also have forgiven our debtors.**
- 13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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1st John 1:6-7

- 6) If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- 7) But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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Matthew 12:18-21

- 18) “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
- 19) He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;



Matthew 12:18-21

- 20) **a bruised reed he will not break**, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory;
- 21) and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”



Proverbs 19:11

- 11) Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his **glory to overlook an offense.**

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Matthew 6:14-15

- 14) For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
- 15) **but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

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