

Setting: Joseph revealing himself to his brothers

- Favored son of 12 brothers – favoritism should never happen – JEALOUS brothers
- Gift of interpretation – indiscriminate use of gift – should not have told brothers – Jealous brothers

45 is culmination of his dreams fulfilled (one day it would happen and he could say “Gotcha” – waiting for this day!)

Until you totally forgive, you will be in chains. When you release them, you will be released.

“I can’t forgive! You don’t understand. You haven’t heard my story.”

If we could listen to all of the stories present today and VOTE on who suffered the most. YOU are chosen! We agree!

Angels, “Congratulations! The greater the suffering, the greater the anointing!” → You have the POTENTIAL for great anointing

2 Cor 2:11A further reason for forgiveness is to keep from being outsmarted by Satan, for we know what he is trying to do.TLB

If we are holding a grudge against another, it is an invitation for the devil to walk right in.

6 Ways to know that we have totally forgiven

1. We don’t tell anyone :1

We tell because we don’t want them to be liked, appreciated, admired. We want to minimize their credibility

What if God showed on a big screen all He knows about you?!! Mine would take many screens.

As far as the East is from the West, our sins are removed

1 John 1:14 Fear has punishment. Perfect love casts out fear.

2 exceptions to ‘not tell’. 1. Legal 2. Therapeutic

2. We Won’t let them be afraid of us :4

At one time, Joseph wanted that more than anything in the world

Marriage – If we quit pointing the finger, we can be healed before breakfast tomorrow morning

1 Cor 11:5 Love keeps no record of wrong

3. You won’t let them feel guilty :5

? Ever send someone on a guilt trip? Ever get sent on a guilt trip by another?

Joseph set them free

What if they’re not sorry? *Tit for tat*

Jesus, “Love as I have loved you. Father forgive them, they don’t know what they are doing”

The World has discovered that unforgiveness causes heart problems, kidney, liver, cancer, arthritis

God knew this a long time ago, in fact from the beginning

4. You let them save face :5, 7, 8

“You didn’t send me here, God did.”

Dale Carnegie in ‘How to Win Friends and Influence People’, “If you let another save face, you win a friend for life”

The Gospel is too good to be true! – The cross is why we can go to heaven!

Total forgiveness brings an emancipation from SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS!!!!

5. You protect them from their darkest secret – We can destroy some people by revealing their past :9-13

Proverbs 19:11 A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

6. Keep on living this as long as you live – a life sentence 50:15-16

We receive peace and freedom then we pick up the offenses again and lose it. We forgive again and receive peace and freedom.

We repeat this process until we decide that PEACE IS BETTER

Jephthah / Joseph contrast

Total Forgiveness Gen 45

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We tell because we do not want them to be _____

Ps 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

1 John 1:14 Fear has punishment. Perfect love casts out fear.

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1 Cor 11:5 Love keeps no record of _____

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Joseph set them _____

John 13:34-35 " Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this all men will know that you are my disciples

Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

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"You didn't send me here, _____"

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