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NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **"God Spoke To You"**
  - (Genesis 42:1-38) NKJV

**~ INTRO ~**

OK...

- As we continue studying thru (Genesis).
  - We get a glimpse of the tables turning...
    - On the very people who hurt Joseph.

FOLLOW ALONG (vv.1-5)

**SCENE:**

- Joseph's is about 39-yrs old in this chapter;
- He's had no contact with any of his family;
- He's married & has two boys;

PLUS...

- He's now the 2<sup>nd</sup> most powerful man in Egypt.
- There's a famine happening & people are hungry;

SO...

- Jacob... (Joseph's dad) sends 10 of his sons to Egypt to buy grain;
- The youngest son (Benjamin) remains at home with dad;
- The journey is about 265-miles from Canaan to Egypt...
  - Thru a wilderness of desert land.

READ (vv.6-20)

**IDEA #1 – THE WALK OF A BELIEVER:**

JOSEPH IS NOW...

- *Face-to-face* with his brothers...
  - Who had sold him to human traffickers 12-years earlier.

CAN YOU IMAGINE...

- The natural responses that would run thru your emotions!?!
  - Fear / anger / hatred / bitterness / revenge.

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- Some people may even shut down & withdraw...
  - Because of the overwhelming flood of emotions.

AND RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS...

- God allows Joseph to remember the **dreams** he had...
  - Before all his suffering took place (v.9)

WHAT A CRAZY SCENE!!!

**HERE'S WHAT WE CAN LEARN:**

- Joseph's conduct was consistent with a person who follows God!

FLIP TO (Eph. 5:1-15) NLT

**7-Things to Know About Your Walk As A Believer:**

- 1) Be imitators of God
- 2) Don't be deceived
- 3) Don't be a co-participant in bad behavior
- 4) LIVE as children of light

(2 Cor. 6:14) NLT

- 5) LEARN what is acceptable to God
- 6) LEAVE habits, relationships, or entertainment that's contrary to God
- 7) Be careful

CAN YOU SEE...

- How Joseph's life was consistent with a child of God!?!
  - He was NOT following rules...
    - He was just honoring God in his actions.

**IDEA #2 – LIVING OUTSIDE OF FAITH:**

READ (vv.21-38)

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REMEMBER...

- 12-yrs has passed since Joseph's brothers sold him to human traffickers.
  - But (vv.21-22) we see the impact of guilt & condemnation...
    - Still plaguing their lives.

PRACTICALLY...

- We see what living outside the faith looks like here!

~ PASTOR CHUCK SMITH ~

*"Sin has a way of causing people to carry an increasing load of guilt that can negatively affect their lives. Jesus died to cleanse us from our sins and to obtain eternal forgiveness for us."*<sup>1</sup>

**DON'T...**

- Abandon your spiritual growth (2 Peter 1:3-9)
- Neglect your salvation (Hebrews 2:1-3)
- Abuse God's grace (Titus 2:11-15)

**DO...**

- Confess your sins to God (1 John 1:9) NLT
- Be led by the Spirit of God (Rom. 8:14) NLT
- Walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7) NKJV

NOTICE (v.36 & 38)

JACOB WAS A GUY...

- That had a history of manipulating!
  - He had wrestled with God in the past...
    - But he was overreacting in the present.

***FEAR...***

- Has a way of exaggerating & distorting our circumstances.

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

**TWO BIBLE VERSES TO GO HOME WITH:**

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<sup>1</sup> Old Testament Study Guide – Chuck Smith – (p.57). Published by The Word for Today 2006.

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- 1) [Proverbs 3:25-26 \(NLT\)](#)
- 2) [Isaiah 41:10 \(NLT\)](#)