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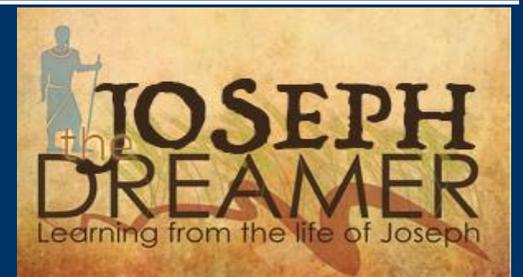
(Genesis 42:1-28)

Life of Joseph - Sermon 6

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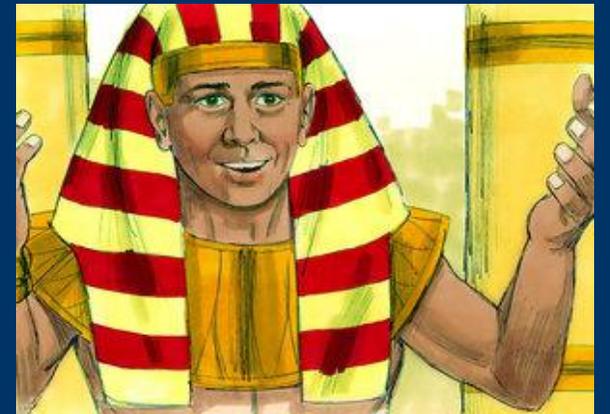
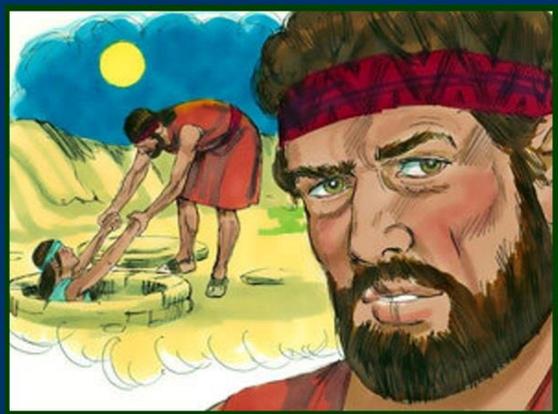
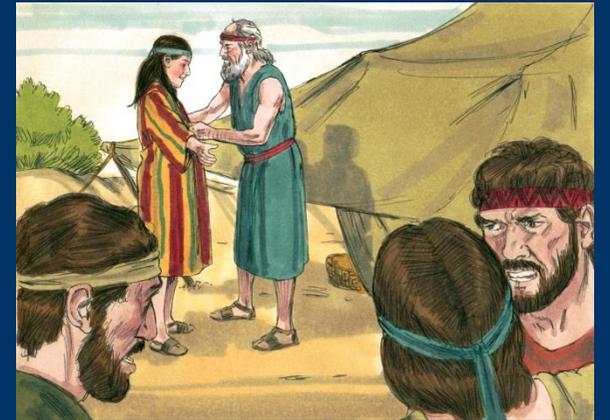
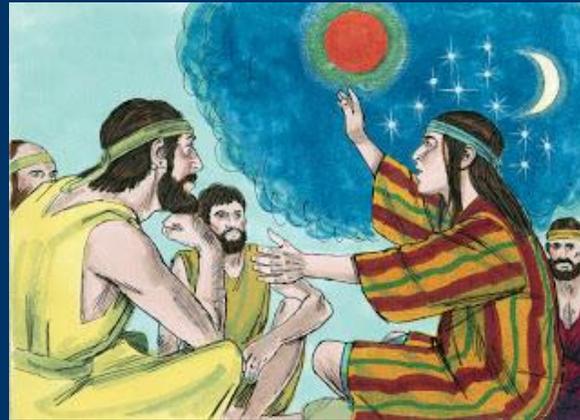
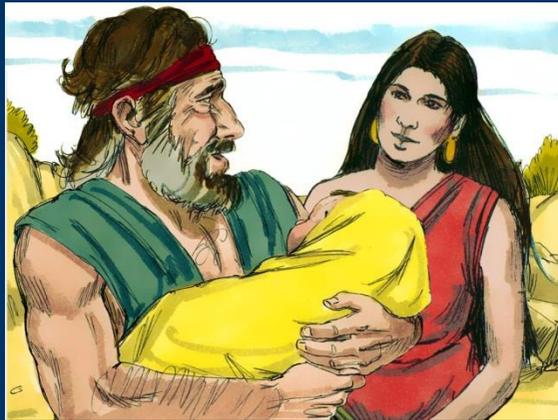
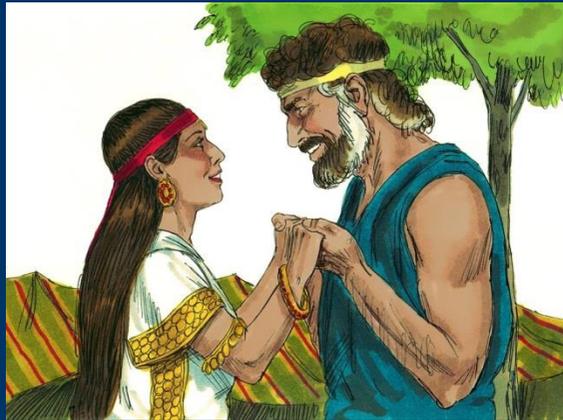
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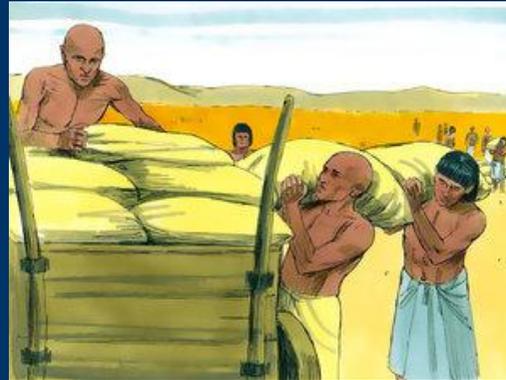
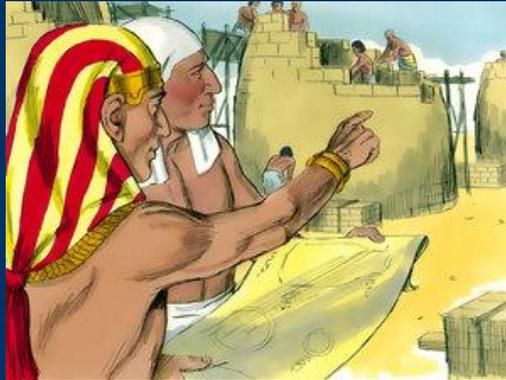


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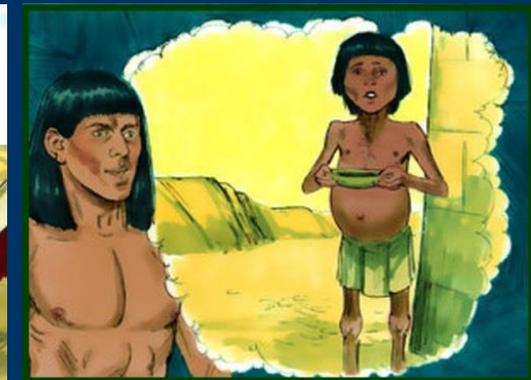
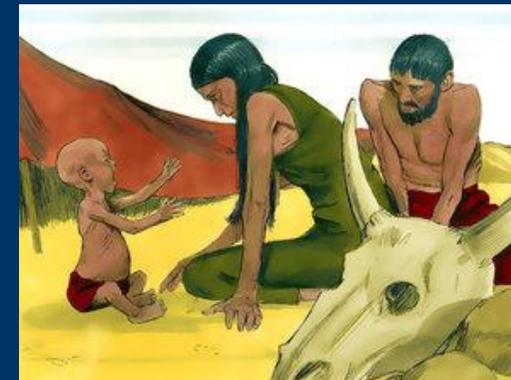
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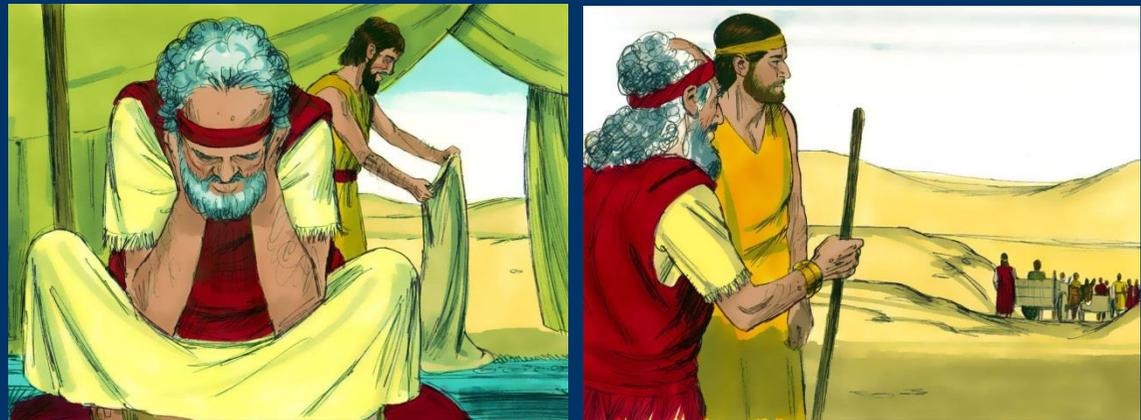
7 years of abundant was over and famine ravaged the land just as God reveal to Pharaoh.



I. FAMINE IN CANAAN

Gen 42:1 When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, **"Why do you just keep looking at each other?"**

² He continued, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die."

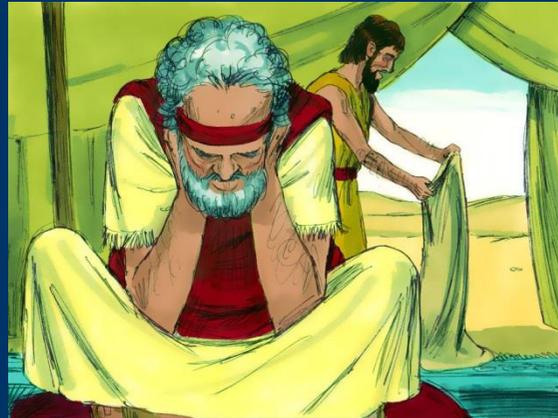


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Gen 42:3 Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.

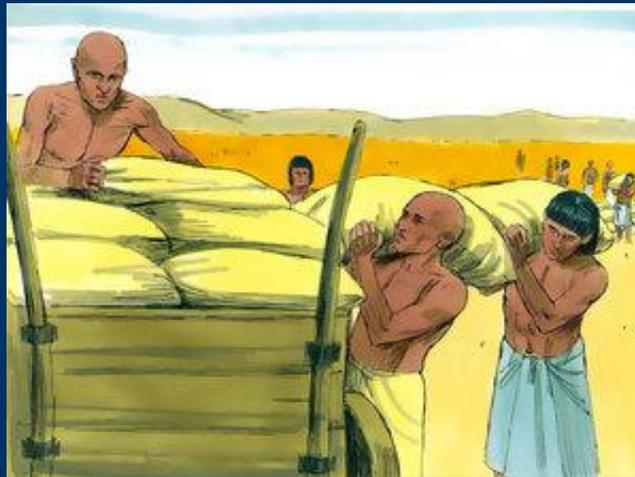
4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him.

5 So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also.

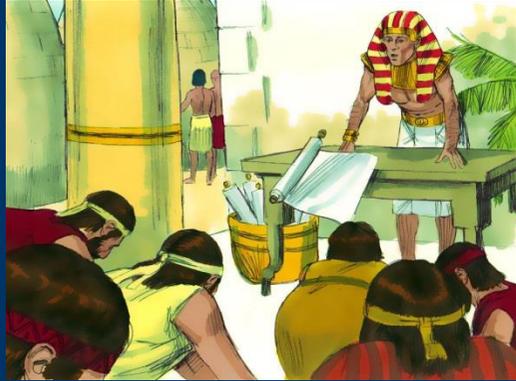


II. ENCOUNTER IN EGYPT

Egypt became the soup kitchen for a starving world.

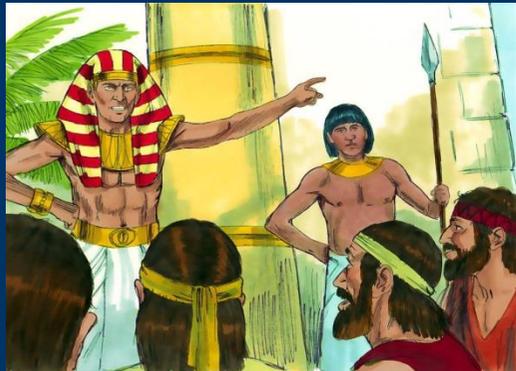


III. DIALOGUE WITH JOSEPH



Gen 42:6 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.

IV. PLAN OF JOSEPH

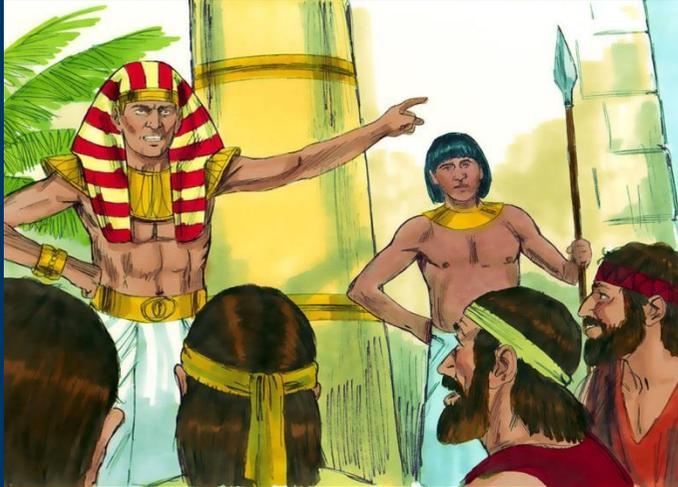


Gen 42:9 Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, **"You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected."**

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."

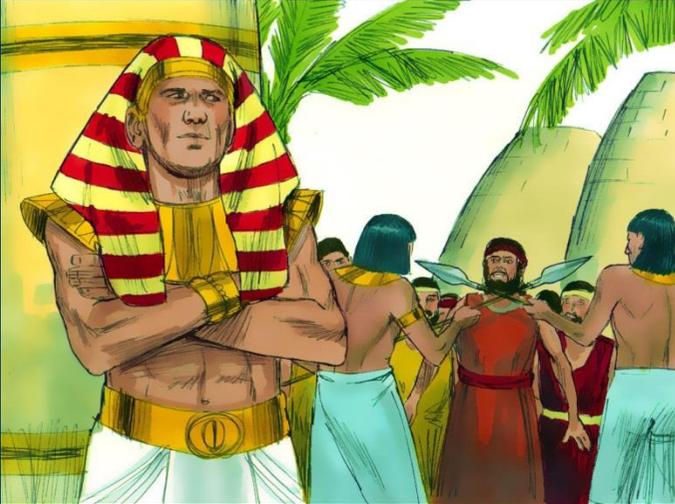
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Gen 42:12 "No!" he said to them. "You have come to see where our land is unprotected."

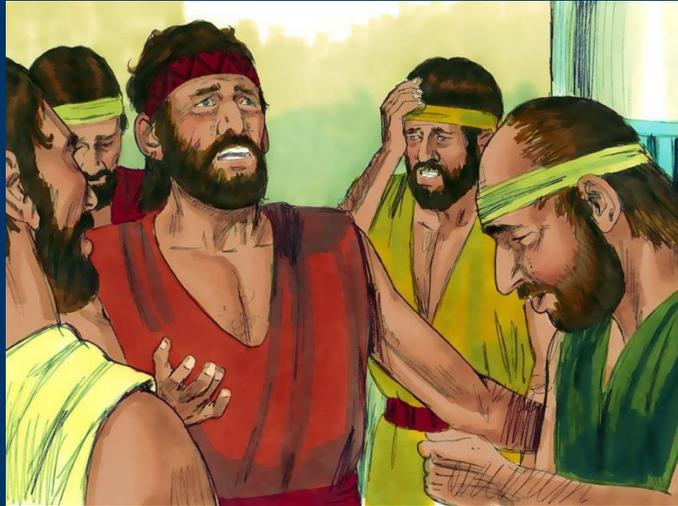
13 But they replied, "Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more."

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Gen 42:14 Joseph said to them, **"It is just as I told you: You are spies!**
15 **And this is how you will be tested: As surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here."**

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Gen 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."*

22 *Reuben replied, "Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood."*

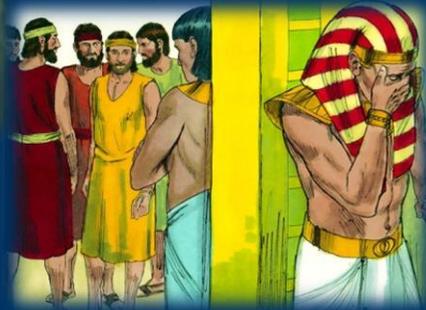
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Transfer of distress (v. 21)



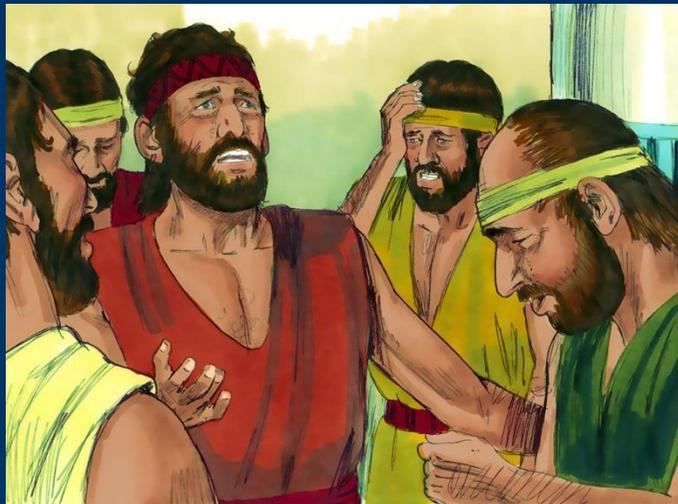
Joseph return the money and they were afraid (V. 28)



Joseph weep tears of relief and joy (V. 24a)



Joseph had Simeon bound (V. 24b)



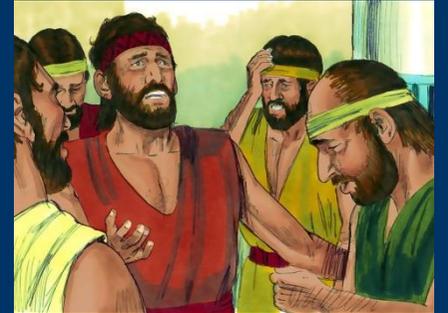
Joseph ordered the provisions for his brothers' trip home (V. 25)

CONCLUSION:

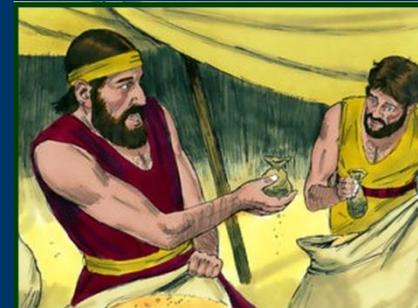


There are two important lessons to remember how God activates our seared consciences.

1. *When we are **victims of unfair treatment similar to what we once gave someone else.***



2. *When we are **recipients of undeserved expressions of grace.***





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Is there a moment or incident that God wake your slumbering consciences of something that happened many years ago?*
- 2. How does God use the famine to reunite a divided family? Is there a time that God uses an event to reunite a relationship in your life?*
- 3. How does God use a prospering nation to help and bless the suffering nations?*
- 4. When Joseph met his brother and saw them bow down before him, what was his initial thought?*
- 5. Why did he disguise himself to them and spoke to them harshly?*
- 6. Why did Joseph accuse them as spies? What was his intention in testing them?*



Scripture References:

Genesis 42:1-28