

Lessons from the Life of Joseph Part 13

“1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. 2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. 3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. 4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.” (Genesis 45:1-4 KJV) Joseph here after he heard what Judah said and after he was sure that his brothers had repented of what they did, and changed their attitude and became accountable and responsible persons, he declared and showed himself to them. When he was sure that they had changed that was the time that he vented with all his emotions in front of them. Joseph did not do that in front of the Egyptians. ***“And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.”*** He asked all his attendants to go out from him because he did not want them to know what his brothers did to him in the past. **Shameful things we should not expose in front of the non believers. Only between us as a church we need to deal with sin but not to get the outsiders involved with.** When Joseph declared himself to them Joseph asked them if his father was still alive, because he was thinking he was dead, doubting that he was still alive or just to let them believe and convinced that he was Joseph their brother, that was why he asked them about his father. They were shocked when they heard that from him, and they could not answer him for they were troubled and did not know what to do. Therefore he asked them to come near to him so they can see him in a better way, and at the same time he declared to them how they sold him to Egypt so they would be sure that he was Joseph. Joseph did not do that out of hatred and wanted to revenge but just for their sake to believe that he was Joseph. So the following are the lessons that you can learn here from the life of Joseph:

- Do not expose yourself neither reveals your emotions nor what you are doing unless you had accomplished your purpose.
- Do not expose the things that belong to the church to the outsiders.
- Be wise and discerning and declare to the people certain facts so they can understand and follow what you are saying to them.
- Keep your heart clean, forgiving and not having grudges, hatred or wants to revenge from the people.

“5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.” (Genesis 45:5-8 KJV) Joseph comforted his brothers and encouraged them not to get upset and angry with themselves because they had sold him and sent him to Egypt, explaining further to them that God had sent him there in order to preserve life; that he was sent by God to Egypt to aid Pharaoh in

employing his wisdom to save the fifth of the harvest for the years of famine. Joseph was so mature to understand how God commissioned him and sent him to Egypt; that the bad way his brothers treated him, being sold as a slave, was the way for God to use to commission him to do that mission. Joseph explained to his brothers the full details about the famine, the trials that caused them lack of food, that will last seven years; two years passed and remaining five years more to come. He explained to them that God sent him ahead of them to prepare things in the way he worked to collect the harvest and to keep food in order to preserve their posterity alive and save their lives which was a great deliverance that God was doing through the life of Joseph. At the end of his explanation he gave them the conclusion that it was God who sent him there and not they, and it was God who made him father to Pharaoh and the Egyptians and they were listening to him as he made him ruler over all Egypt. So the following are the lessons that you can learn here from the life of Joseph:

- Comfort the people who repented and elevate their guilt feeling and their anger toward themselves because of the sin that they did.
- Explain to the people that even they did badly to you but God used it to send you to His mission and is using that to save lives so they would be relieved from their guilt.
- Explain to the people and give them details how the wrong that they did had helped you to be promoted and employed by God to let your life used as a channel of blessing to others.
- Explain to the people how the evil they did God used to send you to His mission in order to save their lives and to preserve them posterity.
- Speak about your stewardship and explain how your disciplined stewardship and your saving had worked out to make resources to aid the mission of God and to sustain his workers to reach the lost, which is the great deliverance of God.
- End your explanation with this conclusion, that God was behind all the scenario of your life and He was the one who commissioned you to do His works and who raised you up and promoted you over others in order to serve His purpose in saving lives through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

“9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: 10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: 11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. 12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. 13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither. 14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.” (Genesis 45:9-15 KJV) Here Joseph started to declare his commitment that he was going to nourish them all. **Joseph committed to them that he will nourish them after he was sure that they had repented and had been changed.** He declared to them his commitment as he instructed them to go to his father Jacob and convey to him what he said that God made him lord over all Egypt, inviting him to come down immediately to Egypt without

waiting, assigning to him the land of Goshen, and so Jacob his father, his children and his children's children, with his flocks and herds shall be near to him. Committing himself to nourish them explaining that the famine would take five years more and if he would not come then he would and all the rest of the family with him shall end up in poverty. **Joseph in that showed his concern and commitment to his family and to his brothers who repented. He was willing to do his responsibility toward them in feeding them in their times of distress.** He further instructed them what to tell to their father Jacob, that Benjamin was the witness of all that as came from the mouth of Joseph to convince their father that they were telling him the truth, and further to explain to him the glory of Joseph in Egypt and all what they had seen to be truly convinced. **Joseph was so faithful to the task that was laid on him to do, and so he hurried them to go and bring Jacob there.** Joseph further expressed his real emotions of love toward Benjamin and the rest of his brothers; he fell on each one of them, kissed and wept, to assure them that he loves them and had forgiven them, and to let them feel safe and to have peace and let their fear go away. **After he did this his brethren got peace and started to talk to him.** So the following are the lessons that you can learn here from the life of Joseph:

- Declare to the people your commitment and what you are willing to do to them after you are sure that they had repented and had changed in their attitudes.
- Explain to the people what they needed to do in order that you would be able to care for them and provide their needs.
- Explain to the people why you need to do such; outlining to them with evidences the danger that they would put themselves in if they will refuse your help and support.
- Explain to the people your capabilities and give them evidences how you are going to do such.
- Show your concern and commitment to the people and to your love ones who repented that you are willing to do your responsibility toward them to relief them in their times of distress.
- Programmed events and do certain steps and instruct the people to do certain things in order to build bridges of trust so people would be move toward the salvation of God and the good plan that He has for them.
- Stir the people to go and implement fast the plan that God has for them in order to be saved and be in safe atmosphere.
- Express your real love and emotions to the people through kisses, hugs with cries and tears assuring them that you love them and had forgiven them. Let them feel safe and to have peace so their fear will go away, and so they can approach you and open up to you.

“16 And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. 17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; 18 And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. 19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20 Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is your's.” (Genesis 45:16-20 KJV) What took place reached Pharaoh that Joseph's brethren came to Egypt and he and his

servants were happy with such, and so he instructed Joseph to convey to his brothers his hospitality, asking them to come from the land of Canaan; to bring his father and come, promising them to give them the good land of Egypt, giving them also wagons to bring their father and their families, as well as telling them not to mind their stuff in Canaan promising them all the good of the land of Egypt before them. Joseph had great favor from Pharaoh because Joseph was a man of great blessing to Pharaoh and to all Egypt with the perfect plan that he was running in saving the food during the plenty and distributing it during the time of famine. So the following are the lessons that you can learn here from the life of Joseph:

- When you are diligent and faithful in your work then you will have great favor from the people who are over you.
- When you are a source of blessing to the people around you then they will be also a source of blessing to you and yours.

“21 And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. 22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. 23 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way. 24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.” (Genesis 45:21-24 KJV) Joseph obeyed the instruction of Pharaoh to give his brothers wagons and provision for the way. He also gave them raiment, and sent good amount of provision for the way so they will have food until they will reach Egypt. Joseph on the departing of his brethren instructed them not to fight on the way; perhaps because now they have food and wagons and silver and they might be tempted to hurt one another fighting for the material things that were with them. So the following are the lessons that you can learn here from the life of Joseph:

- Obey the instruction of those over you in your working place.
- Have concern on the people and provide for them what is needed to secure their travel and other basic needs until they are in the plan that God has for them.
- Continue to observe the spiritual being of the people and watch what is needed to be done for them.
- Use your authority and admonish them whenever that is needed.

“25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, 26 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. 27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: 28 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.” (Genesis 45:25-28 KJV) Things went well as God planned for it as Joseph implemented on his brothers the plan of God. They reached to their father whose heart fainted of what they said to him and did not believe, but when he saw the wagons that Joseph sent as Pharaoh instructed, his spirit revived and was convinced that his son was alive and declared that he will go to see him. ***“1 And Israel took his journey with all that he had,***

and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. 3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: 4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes. 5 And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: 7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt. 8 And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. 9 And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. 10 And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. 11 And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 12 And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zarah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul. 13 And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron. 14 And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. 15 These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padanaram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three. 16 And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. 17 And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel. 18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls. 19 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin. 20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him. 21 And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard. 22 These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen. 23 And the sons of Dan; Hushim. 24 And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. 25 These are the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls were seven. 26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six; 27 And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.” (Genesis 46:1-27 KJV) All those sixty three souls would perish if Joseph would not comply with the plan of God and was willing to forgive and to start to nourish them and provide for them. So the following are the lessons that you can learn here from the life of Joseph:

- Be willing to comply with the plan of God and to persevere in the scenario that God had placed you in so that you can see the salvation of God would flow in the life of people.
- Have faith in God that He would turn the table on Satan the adversary of the church and you will be able to see the great harvest that God is going to do in your ministry.

“28 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. 29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30 And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.” (Genesis 46:28-30 KJV) Judah was sent to Joseph in order to give him the direction of how Jacob and his brethren with their families would reach the land of Goshan. Joseph although had missed his father and had great regard to him but he did not go with Judah to meet his father. But he waited, and after they reached Goshan he went on his chariot to meet his father, because Joseph was working and was so disciplined that could not leave his secular job in order to meet his father. Joseph humbled himself and went and presented himself to his father, fell on his neck and wept for a time, missing his father much and now meeting him after twenty two years of separation. Joseph honored his father; he did not wait for his father to come to him even he was the ruler over all the land of Egypt, but he went to his father. Jacob was so happy to meet his son and was so satisfied that he was willing to depart from life asking his son Joseph the permission for that. So the following are the lessons that you can learn here from the life of Joseph:

- You do not need to be moving with your emotions nor with your traditional practices that would make you overlook other priorities.
- Don't leave your secular job to entertain your family. If there is something urgent or an emergency you may take permission and do that, but when the matter is not urgent then you do not trouble yourself just to show off and satisfy traditional practices that are away from the Word of God.
- Be humble before the Word of God even you are occupying high secular position because you still need to follow and to be under the Word of God.
- Honor your father and mother and show them great respect, especially the more if they had taught you the Word of God.

“31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; 32 And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. 33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? 34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.” (Genesis 46:31-34 KJV) Joseph was not ashamed from the occupation of his father and his brothers being shepherds even that occupation was not much honored, but in fact was abomination in Egypt. Joseph told them that he will go to Pharaoh to inform him that his brethren and his father's house had come from Canaan to him with their flocks and herds and he instructed them to tell the truth and not to hide their occupation nor their purpose of coming to Egypt bringing their flocks and herds with them in order to live in the land of Goshen. So the following are the lessons that you can learn here from the life of Joseph:

- Don't be ashamed of the profession of your father even if the world does not like it, because that profession is from God, and through it your father nurtured you.
- Instruct the people to tell the truth when they would present themselves before authorities.

My dear and beloved: Meditate on the message, and compare yourself with the life of Joseph and what are the things that he was doing and adopting in his life that you are not yet doing and needed to start to do? What you are not doing is time for you to start to do as you come to know the truth. If you are doing the wrong things or the opposite of what you learn in this message then you need to repent, confess your sins, come back to God through faith in Jesus Christ and start to do and implement the Word of God in your life. Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from death on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that taught me lot of practical things how that are useful in my ministry and my service unto you in handling the people that you allow me to deal with. Lord thank you for all what you had placed in my hand from material things and spiritual gifts that I can use to serve you and do your mission. Lord thank you for all the opportunities that you placed before me to serve you. Lord thank you for all the teaching, the corrections the admonishments, the rebukes and the lessons I received in this message.

Repent and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your anger, un-forgiveness, hatred and revenge. Repent and renounce your emotions and your wrong actions and help to people who had not repented of their sins. Renounce your lack of discretion and the wrong way you act in front of the outsiders. Repent of your emotional and traditional practices that contradict the Word of God. Repent of your bad stewardship, your lack of discipline and your lack of saving. Repent of your lack of keeping your commitment to help those who repented of their sins and need help. Repent of leaving your job unnecessarily to do your personal things. Repent of your feeling of shame for the profession of your father. Repent of telling lies and being afraid to tell the truth. Confess your non willingness to go along God's will and the plan that He has for you. Repent of your non willingness to suffer for Christ and to serve Him in the way He wants you to be. Repent of your yoke with non believers and wasting your time on the Media, News and games. Lord forgive me, I repent and renounce the following sins

Lord I commit myself to serve you by serving and helping the people that you are sending to me who repented of their sins. Lord I commit myself to tell the truth. Lord I commit myself to deal with the sins of the believers inside the church and not to expose them to the non believers. Lord I commit myself not to be ashamed of the profession of my father. Lord I commit myself not to neglect my work and leave it for my personal things. Lord I am willing to go along your plan and your will. Lord I commit myself to be good steward of my resources, to be disciplined in my spending, to save and to use what I have to reach the lost souls, to save lives and bring your great deliverance to the people who are in need of you. Lord lead me and show me the things that you want me to do and I will do them. Lord I am willing to convey and to explain your plan to those whom you are

sending to me. Lord give me wisdom how to act in certain situations that much emotions are involved in. Lord I commit myself to serve Christ and suffer for Him. Lord uphold me with your grace, provide for me, give me strength and good health and I am willing to follow you, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who committed themselves to go along your plan for them in helping those who repented of their sins, and to bring your salvation and your great deliverance to the people whom you are bringing to them. Lord give them wisdom and discretion how to program things to go according to your will. Lord answer their prayers, grant them success in their mission to serve you, reward them and make their lives good testimonies to others to follow you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to receive and help those who repented from their sins and are willing to follow you. Lord we commit ourselves to use all our material resources and the spiritual gifts that you gave us to save new souls and to bring your great deliverance to the people that you are sending to us. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and lead us to evangelize, to make new disciples, to train new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord take the message and spread it to reach the rest of the church congregations and people who need to hear your Word. Lord prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord I pray for more people to be water baptized, and receives the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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