



This week we will study about how, through God, Joseph saved not only the Egyptian race from starvation, but also his own family.



## *Torchlight*

*"During the years since Joseph had been separated from his brothers, these sons of Jacob had changed in character....The three days in the Egyptian prison were days of bitter sorrow as the brothers reflected upon their past sins" – Patriarchs & Prophets p. 225*



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# JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS

DAILY DEVOTIONAL 13



# SUNDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, Thank You for my family. Thank You for providing me with enough food to eat. Thank You for my Bible, please help me to understand what I read. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PSALM 51:10

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me".*

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

**GENESIS 42:1-17**



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The famine had stretched beyond Egypt and reached Joseph's family in Canaan. Jacob had heard that there was grain in Egypt and sent his ten sons down to Egypt to buy grain. Benjamin did not go with them as his father was afraid something would happen to him just as it happened to Joseph. The ten brothers arrived in Egypt and went to Joseph who was in charge of giving out the grain. Joseph recognised them but they didn't recognize him. Over 20 years had passed and Joseph who had grown up, looked very different. The dreams that Joseph had regarding his brothers bowing down to him had come true. Joseph noticed that Benjamin was not with them. He was worried that something had happened to him so he called his brothers spies and put them in prison. Reading that Joseph's prophetic dreams came true, reminds me that we can trust the Word of God. Ask God today to help you trust in His Word.



## FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 42:6

"Now ..... was Governor over the .....; and it was he who ..... to all the people of the land. And Joseph's ..... came and bowed down ..... him with their faces to the .....".

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?

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# MONDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for keeping me safe. Thank You for the sunshine and the rain. Thank You for the privilege of owning a Bible. Help me to understand Your word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PSALM 51:10

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me".*

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

**GENESIS 42:18-28**



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Joseph was testing his brothers. He wanted some time to find out the truth about Benjamin and whether his brothers were the same cruel men. But God had been working on Joseph's brothers' hearts and the three days in prison were a deep soul searching time for them. Joseph sent his brothers back home with grain, but ordered his servants to put the money they had brought to pay for the grain back into their sacks.

Again Joseph was testing their character. He kept Simeon in prison and told the nine brothers that they would have to bring Benjamin back with them if they wanted Simeon released from prison and to buy more food.

If we ask God to forgive us for our sins, and repent, God can start changing our hearts too. All we have to do is ask Him.



## FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 42:25

"Then ..... gave a command to ..... their sacks with grain, to ..... every man's .....to his ....., and to give them provisions for the ..... . Thus he did for them".

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# TUESDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, I praise and thank You that You are mighty to save. Thank You for the roof over my head. Thank You for Your love for me. Thank You for my Bible. Help me to understand what I read. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PSALM 51:10

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me".*

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

**GENESIS 42:29-38  
& 43:1-7**



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Jacob was upset. Simeon was in prison in Egypt, and his sons were telling him that if they didn't take Benjamin with them next time, they would not be able to buy more food and release Simeon from prison.

Jacob did not want to let Benjamin go because he was afraid something would happen to him. But time went on by and the food ran out. If they didn't buy more food from Egypt they would starve!



Have you thought how blessed you are to have food? Sometimes we take for granted how many meals we have each day. We are so blessed that we don't have to walk down to Egypt to get our next supply of food!

Next time you eat, thank God for your food.

## FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 43:1-2

"Now the ..... was severe in the ..... And it came to pass, when they had ..... up the grain which they had ..... from Egypt, that their ..... said to them, 'Go back, ..... us a little food'".

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?

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# WEDNESDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, please come into my heart today.  
 I love You Lord. Please forgive me for my sins.  
 In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PSALM 51:10

*"Create in me a clean heart, O  
 God, and renew a steadfast spirit  
 within me".*

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

**GENESIS 43:8-23**



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Judah told his father that he would bear the blame forever if anything happened to Benjamin. In yesterday's reading (Gen 42:37) Reuben said he would allow his two sons to die if he didn't bring Benjamin back alive. That's a big change! They didn't act that way with Joseph. They hated him and couldn't wait to get rid of him. Praise God for changing their hearts!! Jacob made sure they had double money with them to pay for both the grain they had already bought as well as for a new supply of grain. The



ten brothers made their way to Egypt and presented themselves to Joseph. He saw they had brought Benjamin, his brother, so he released Simeon and sent them to his house for a meal. Sin does nothing but bring heartache and trouble. After 20 years, the brothers realized this, which made it possible for God to change their hearts. They went from being cruel, deceptive brothers to kind, unselfish men. That's what a changed heart can do. Do you want to give your heart to Jesus and ask Him to change your heart?

## FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 43:12-13

"Take ..... money in your ....., and take back in your hand the ..... that was returned in the mouth of your .....; perhaps it was an ..... . Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the ....."

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# THURSDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, come into my life and change my heart.  
Let Your light shine through me. Help me listen to You through reading  
Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - PSALM 51:10**

*"Create in me a clean heart, O  
God, and renew a steadfast spirit  
within me".*

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

**GENESIS 43:24-34  
& 44:1-13**



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Did you notice in your reading that the brothers bowed down to Joseph again? We see that the prophetic dreams that Joseph had so long ago were true. Joseph still had not revealed himself. He had one more test for his brothers. He sent his brothers home again with grain and all their money in their sacks. But Joseph put his silver cup in Benjamin's sack. After they left he sent his men after them and, of course, they found the cup in Benjamin's grain sack. The brothers tore their clothes in grief. How were they going to face their father when they arrived home without Benjamin?

How different was the reaction of the brothers to Benjamin's fate compared to how they reacted when selling Joseph into slavery. God's healing of their hearts is amazing! If God can do this for Joseph's brothers, God can do this for you too.



## FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 44:12

"So he ..... . He began with the ..... and left off with  
the .....; and the cup was found in ..... sack".

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?

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# FRIDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for all you do for me. Help me to be obedient to Your will. Help me to be kind and thoughtful of others. I love You. In Jesus' name Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - PSALM 51:10**

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me".*

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

**GENESIS 44:14-34**



## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Joseph told his brothers that, because the cup was found in Benjamin's bag of grain, he had to stay as Joseph's slave and the rest of them could go home. Judah related the whole of the family's story to Joseph and begged Joseph to let Benjamin go back to their father with his brothers. He offered to stay as Joseph's slave instead. Judah told Joseph he could not bear to let his father die grieving the loss of another son.



Do your actions or behaviour bring unhappiness to others?

As you open the Sabbath ask God to help you change the way you act, so your behaviour is a blessing to others instead.

## FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 44:33

"Now therefore, ..... let your servant ..... instead of the ..... as a slave to my lord, and ..... the lad go up with his ....."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?

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# SABBATH

**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, thank You for another Sabbath day. Help me to gain a blessing on your special day. Help me listen to You through Your word in the Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - PSALM 51:10

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me".*

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

**GENESIS 45:1-14  
& 46:29-30**



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Judah begged Joseph to keep him as a slave instead of Benjamin, Joseph knew they were truly sorry for their past behaviour. Then Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. There was a great reunion. Pharaoh was grateful for what Joseph had done for his country. There were still five years of famine to come, so he told Joseph to bring his family to live in the land of Goshen, which was on the edge of Egypt, so they would always have food. So Joseph was finally reunited with his father and they all lived in peace together in Egypt for many years.

God is so good! He brought something good—Joseph saving his family from starvation and keeping alive the line through which Jesus would come—out of something bad—being sold into slavery by his brothers.

\*For extra optional reading on the reunion of Joseph's family read Genesis chapters 46-50.



## SABBATH QUIZ

1. How many sons did Jacob send to Egypt to buy food? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many days did the brothers spend in prison in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which brother had to remain in prison in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which brother said he would bear the blame forever if he didn't bring Benjamin home safely? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the cup that was hidden in Benjamin's grain sack made of? \_\_\_\_\_