

GOD WILL HEAL HIS CHILDREN

Genesis 37: 2-3-8-19-20-28

END TIMES REVEALED BY THE SCRIPTURES

II Tm. 3: 1-4 "But know this, that in the last days terrible times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

- *Luke 21: 16 (Mat. 10: 21) "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.*
- *Mark 10: 38 "If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."*

A VERY DANGER AND TERRIBLE TIME IN THE WORLD

1. Attack against the mater (mother) cell of society: the family (causes)

a) At home

Incidence of broken family – Divorce, single parent-

Approximately 50% American children will witness the breakup of a parent's marriage. Of these, close to half will also see the breakup of a parent's second marriage. (*American Sociological Review*)

Of all children born to married parents this year, fifty percent will experience the divorce of their parents before they reach their 18th birthday. (" *Heritage Foundation Backgrounder*, May 2000.)

- The daughter wounded by her father
- Violence – verbal, physical.

b) At school

Bulling - Big ear (You looked like a car in a HWY with the 2 doors opened)

"You're really, really fat, and so is your mom." "James is a total loser"

c) Internet Bullies (Cyber bullies Online)

Here are some mild examples of words used by bullies: "fatso" (FAT PERSON), "nerd" (FOOLISH), "ugly", "slut" (PROSTITUTE), "freak" (ABERRATION) and "jerk"(IDIOT)

d) Sexual Bulling

e) Racial Prejudice - JAPANESE, NEWFIE (A TERM TO DIMINISHED PEOPLE BORN IN NEWFOUND LAND) – Jesus was called Nazarene

THESE EVIL BEHAVIOUR WILL HURT PEOPLE

Resentment produces bitterness: bitterness causes: Nervous problems

- Insomnia
- Loneliness
- Depression
- Self-infliction
- Suicide attempts
- traumas
- Lack of identity
- Open windows for demonic oppression (Eph. 4: 26-27 – Anger)

WOUNDED BELIEVERS

I. JOSEPH’S BROTHERS WOUNDS

II. Parent discrimination - Genesis 37: 3-4

- *Acts 10: 34* “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality
- *Rom. 2: 11* “For there is no partiality with God.

III. Foolishness and immaturity of their younger brother (Bulling his brothers – Look my tunic!)

- **Gen. 37: 8** “And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?”
- **37: 23** “ So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him.

II. JOSEPH WOUNDS

- HATED 37: 4-5-8 / JEALOUS 37:11 / HOMICIDE - 37:18 /VIOLENCE 37:24
- JOSEPH IS BELIEVER IN A PAGAN ENVIROMENT WITH A MISSION
- JOSEPH DID NOT DENIED HIS FAITH
- JOSEPH DID NOT ALLOWED EGYPT TO INFLUENCE HIS CHARACTER
- JOSEPH DID NOT COMPROMISSE HIS FAITH

IV. LIKE JOSEPH, SOME CHRISTIANS WITH A DILEMA IN OUR DAYS

A NEW TYPE OF CHRISTIANS IN OUR DAYS: Lone ranger Christians

- SINCERE BELIEVERS ISOLATED.
- THEY LOVE JESUS, BUT NO LONGER WANT TO BE PART OF THE CHURCH

WHAT IS THE CAUSE? WHAT IS THE PARALEL WITH JOSEPH STORY? WHY THEY WERE ISOLETED? WH

a) False prophets – Decay Christianity (Takers not givers)

- *Mat. 7: 15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves*
- *Luke 17: 1 “Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses (**skandala – trespasses**) should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!*

b) False-doctrines inside the church

- *II Peter 2: 1 “ But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.”*
- *I Tm. 4: 1 “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,*

c) World escalation of depravity, Iniquity and ungodliness (In many ways Christians lose their love for others because of fraud in some ministries, scandals among Christians leaders.)

- *Mat. 24 : 12 “ And because lawlessness (iniquity) will abound, the love of many will grow cold.”*

d) Fear as persecution against God’s people are increasing in the world

John 15:20 “Remember the word that I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well;

2 Timothy 3:12 “Indeed, all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

e) Immaturity and lack of discipleship in churches

I Co. 3: 1-3 “Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk, not solid food, for you

were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

Church splits for the most stupid reasons –

- A big church argument over the discovery that the church budget was off \$0.10. Someone finally gave a dime to settle the issue
- Arguments over what type of green beans the church should serve
- A disagreement over using the term “potluck” instead of “pot blessing”
- An argument over whether to have gluten-free communion bread or not
- A dispute over whether the church should allow people to wear black t-shirts, since black is the color of the devil
- An argument over whether the fake, dusty plants should be removed from the

Resentments (FEEL AGAIN) - *Hb. 12:15 “looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; “*

V. THE PROBLEM WITH THIS TYPE OF CHRISTIANITY

a) We are required to be part of the body of Christ, his church –

- *Hebrew 10: 25 “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*
- *Acts 20: 28 “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God,^[a] which he bought with his own blood*

b) We need to obey a commandment of Jesus

- *John 13: 34 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*
- *Romans 12: Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;*
- *I Peter 1 : 22 “ Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth ^[i]through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,*

c) To give and to receive from the body of Christ

Acts 2:42-46 - *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts*

Hebrews 3:13 - *But exhort one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.*

VI. JOSEPH AND HIS DEEP WOUNDS

JOSEPH HAD BROUGHT TO HIS SON ALL THE BITTENERS THAT HE HAD AGAINST HIS BROTHERS

- MANASSEH – Gn. 41:51 – “...MADE ME FORGET ALL MY FATHER’S HOUSEHOLD”
- EPHRAIM – Gn. 41:52 “... “IN THE LAND OF MY AFFLICTION”

VII. TIME AND STATUS WOULD NOT HEAL YOUR SOUL

a) HE IS NO LONGER A TEEN

- Gen. 37: 2 - 17 years
- Gen. 41: 46 - At 30 he presented himself to Pharaoh, (13 years)
- Gen. 41: 53 - 37 years when abundance ended (07 years)
- Gen. 45: 6 - 39 two years of famine (02 years)

22 years had passed since leaving his family = 39 years old

The confrontation with the past (the meeting brings the past back to you to be healed)
Joseph's reaction to his aggressors

He spoke harshly - Gn. 42: 7 / put them in prison - Gen. 42:17

b) HIS IS NO LONGER A SLAVE OR A AVERAGE CITIZEN

Genesis 42: 6-7 – Governor – the second in command – Spoke harshly (I am an immigrant – 1 ½ when I saw my family I hug and kiss all of them)

c) GOD WILL EXPOSED HIS PEOPLES’S WOUNDS - **Joseph soul’s X-ray** - HE WAS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CRY. (Gn 42:24; 43:30).

JESUS OUR HEALER

Lk 4: 18-19 " "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me ^[1]to heal the broken hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are ^[1]oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

MT 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

• *JOH 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

The prophetic anointing to heal and to restore the broken hearted

The last book of the OT and the last verses the prophet spoke about Elijah's ministry to bring healing before the first and second coming of Jesus

Mal. 4: 5-6 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

JOSEPH'S HEALLING

1. CONFESSION AND FAITH - Take your make up (status, false-identity) –
Genesis 45: 2-3 "And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard *it*. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I *am* Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence.

a) Confession – **I AM JOSEPH**, Luke 18: 13 "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" (WE ALL HAVE THE SAME IDENTITY – WE ARE SINNERS)

b) Faith - ***IS MY FATHER ALIVE? YES, GOD IS ALIVE! JESUS IS RISEN! JESUS IS COMING BACK!*** (revival)

2. **Grow up** – HUMILITY – UNDESTAND THAT YOU ARE WEARING THE RIGTEOUNESS OF JESUS NOR YOUR OWN

➤ Genesis 50: 19 "Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. ²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A NEW GARMENT - Isaiah 61: 10 "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

Romans 13: 14 "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

Romans 3:24 " and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 2: 8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ^{not} of works, lest anyone should boast

3. Forgiveness

- Genesis 45: 15 “Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Matthew 6:14. “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses..

Were you wounded?

Were you betrayed?

Were you abused?

Are you hiding your wounds with a title or good works?

Jesus is alive. Jesus did not forget you. Jesus is your only healer.

- I. Confessed and believed
- II. Live your pride behind. Grow up!
- III. Forgive your offenders