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WEEK 5

DAY 1: READ GENESIS 42

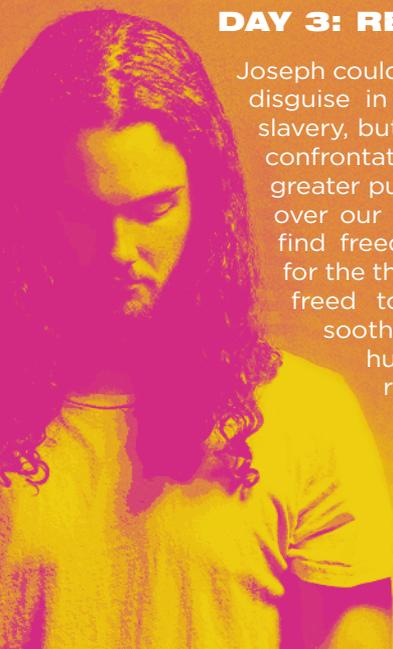
The reconciliation we have in Jesus is not held back by circumstance. We've all sinned against someone else or been the victim of another's sins. Are you prepared to see meet them again? What would you say? What would you do? Is your heart postured in such a way as to pronounce the peace, love, mercy and reconciliation of Jesus into every situation, even when you aren't expecting it? Take time to think of specific people in your life where there is a distinct lack of reconciliation. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal the broken parts of your heart or behavior keeping you from bringing the peace of Jesus into these relationships.

DAY 2: READ GENESIS 43-44 & ROMANS 12:17-21

Reconciliation is a process, a commitment to seeing a gradual restoration of broken relationships. Perhaps your trust has been broken or you've betrayed the confidence of someone else. While forgiveness is an immediate choice, rebuilding trust is a process. Are you seeking peace in your relationships with others? Even if it takes time, where there is tension, brokenness and mistrust, will you proactively choose to model Christ and love others back to wholeness with God and each other? What are some practical steps you can take to begin reconciling with others?

DAY 3: READ GENESIS 45-46

Joseph could have continued his ruse and maintained his disguise in front of the brothers who sold him into slavery, but he chose to exchange it for loving, honest confrontation. When we strive to understand God's greater purpose and allow His mission to take priority over our feelings, past or dreams for the future, we find freedom, refreshment and refined compassion for the things and people who matter to God. We are freed to be the agents of Christ bringing His soothing ointment to languishing souls in a hurting world. Do you see your own relationships, tensions or past through the eternal lens of Christ or are you still clinging to the hurts, patterns and perspective of your flesh? Give it up to Jesus; He has a better purpose for you.



DAY 4: READ GENESIS 47-48

While God blessed the reconciliation between Joseph and his father's family, using His holy perspective to prompt the rescue, provision and protection for His people, He also used this process of reconciliation among His people to bless Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Joseph, in obedience to God, was able to protect the Egyptians from famine and certain disaster. Jacob, now in Egypt, blessed the Pharaoh repeatedly. Joseph's reconciled family raised Pharaoh's cattle and cultivated the best land in Egypt. Through this act of reconciliation, God used His people to bring His blessings to others. When we submit to the work of Christ, the world takes notice and is shown the Truth. Whether you're in the middle of a tough situation or haven't begun to seek reconciliation, God can use this process to rescue others.

DAY 5: READ GENESIS 49 & 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10-21

Reconciliation is neither a refusal of truth nor forfeit of judgment. In this passage, Jacob addresses each of his sons in the context of their obedience/disobedience to God. We are all held accountable by our perfect, just God for our actions. As we seek to be agents of Christ's reconciliation, let's focus on our eternal mission to share the rescue available only in Jesus with everyone, regardless of what they have and have not done. God has not forgotten the things you've endured or the things you've done. Let the blood of Jesus be our confidence to let go of our flesh and move on to sharing the truth of the Gospel with a lost world.

DAY 6: READ GENESIS 50, ROMANS 2:1-5 & ROMANS 5

Upon the death of their father, Joseph's brothers were terrified of retribution for their past abuses against Joseph. Look at Joseph's response Genesis 50:19-20. While we are sinners, guilty and wholly deserving of penalty for our offenses against God, He provided a way for salvation through the merciful sacrifice of Jesus. What is getting in the way of you choosing to administer the healing hope of Jesus to relationships around you? Is your perspective on what's eternally important or are you still focusing on yourself? Don't wait to begin the reconciliation process! The world needs the healing of Jesus right now!