**FAMILY AND FAMINE**

**Lesson 9**

**(Genesis 42:1-25)**

**Introduction**

* **“Joseph had gone from the pit of despair to the pinnacle of power at Pharaoh’s right-hand man in Egypt.”**
* **“The Lord fulfilled His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this important position of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
* **“Furthermore, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for they had been mired in conflict and deception from the beginning of Jacob’s marriages to Rachel and Leah.”**
* **“It was only by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the covenant family would experience these changes” (page 59).**

1. **God Uses Trials to Effect Change**
2. **“…Jacob still ruled the family, and he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
3. **“The famine would prove to be the circumstance through which the brothers would experience \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
4. **“God continues \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, i.e., trying circumstances, to bring spiritual change in our lives.”**
5. **“Whatever it may be, when famines come our way, we need to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord” (page 6).**
6. **What about COVID? Did COVID affect your life in some way?**
7. **Reconciliation Requires Trust**
8. **When Joseph’s brothers “finally met him, they bowed before him but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
9. **“In their minds, Joseph was more than likely to end up in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
10. **This event confirmed that God had definitely given Joseph the dream and that the Lord had been working out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
11. **“The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will literally extend for miles and will bring much stress on Jacob and his brothers.”**
12. **“Joseph decided to test his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Genesis 42:15-16).**
13. **“Joseph decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for three days” (Genesis 42:18-20).**
14. **Reconciliation Takes Time**
15. **“Even though he may have forgiven them, reconciliation would take a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
16. **“Joseph had messed with their minds, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to bring his brothers to their knees so that they could experience \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
17. **“Oftentimes we experience relational difficulties because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
18. **“Actions like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or neglected loved ones will strain our relationships to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (page 63).**

**Conclusion**

* **“Joseph’s first encounter with his brothers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
* **“The brothers remained ignorant of his identity, but Joseph knew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
* **“Regardless of their wrongdoing years prior, he saw them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
* **“…they would have to earn Joseph’s trust \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (page 63).**