



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 45	Title:	"Divine Forgiveness"
Author:	Ps Alvin Lim		
Summary of Chapter:	Joseph finally revealed his true identity to his brothers who sold him to Egypt. The amazing thing is that Joseph was able to forgive them. He even invited his whole family to come to live with him in the abundance of Egypt to avoid the famine.		
Key Verses	How does it speak to me?		
<i>⁵But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.</i>	<p>I have suffered hurt and injustice in my own life but it is nowhere close to what Joseph had to suffer. He was betrayed by his brothers and sold to slavery for many years. This response by Joseph is amazing. He was more concerned about his brothers' feelings than his own feelings. There is a saying, "To err is human and to forgive is divine." We catch that in the response of Joseph. He not only forgave them but invited the whole family to live luxuriously with him in Egypt. It must be the work of God. It is divine forgiveness. What is the key to his miraculous transformation? He said that it was God who had sent him to Egypt not the brothers. He recognized that God allowed him to suffer and eventually raised him to a high position to rescue his family and nation in this time of famine. Christ too suffered on went to the cross and forgave his enemies because he recognized that it was God' will.</p> <p>As I look back on the difficult people that God has put into my life, it was definitely painful and sometimes I would ask God why. Eventually, I realized God allowed it to happen for me to experience divine healing. He also uses difficult relationships to purge the sin in my life and transform me to forgive others just as Christ has forgiven me. God uses my experience to help others in their forgiveness journey. It is a lifelong process of growth as I learn from how Joseph and Jesus forgave their enemies.</p> <p>Are there people in your life that you find hard to forgive? Do you recognize God's hand in your situation? God wants to heal and transform you supernaturally. God wants to use you to be a blessing through a transformed life.</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	Where is God in your broken relationships? How does God want you to respond?		
Youth:	Share your feelings regarding those who have hurt you and you find it hard to forgive them. How does the response of Joseph inspire you?		
Child:	Draw your heart on a piece of paper, write down 1-3 emotions that made you upset in a recent argument with your sibling or a past fight with a friend. Take 1-3 plasters and plaster over these words. As you do it, pray, "I forgive you, ___ (name of friend)." Ask God to take away all the pain and hurts.		
PRAYER :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, I am amazed at how You have transformed Joseph's life to forgive his brothers and provide for them despite what he had gone through. I recognize your hand in allowing me to go through these difficult relationships to experience divine healing and transformation. Help me to forgive just as Christ has forgiven me. Use my transformed life to be a blessing to many.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.		