



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 42	Title:	“The Set-up”
Author:	Ps Meng Cham		
Summary of Chapter:	A severe famine had struck everywhere except Egypt. Jacob and his sons had no choice but to turn to Egypt for food. Egypt was certainly not their ideal holiday spot but little do they know that they would be facing an encounter worse than they could have imagined. Joseph and his brothers would have to deal with a trauma that had been kept secret for more than 20 years. In Genesis 42 the past was fast creeping up on them!		
Key Verses (NLT):	How does it speak to me?		
<i>28 “Look!” he exclaimed to his brothers. “My money has been returned; it’s here in my sack!” Then their hearts sank. Trembling, they said to each other, “What has God done to us?”</i>	Have you ever been set-up by God before? It feels like He’s backed you up against the wall and there’s only one path out which you are reluctant to consider. Perhaps because of a painful memory, a past hurt, a failure that continues to haunt you. But our loving heavenly Father knows that an unsettled past could be holding us back and preventing us from living fully for Him in the present. God, our careful Surgeon, chooses the right time to expose these deep splinters in our lives. It may seem at times more painful or confusing than we can bear or understand but it is needful for our full recovery and healing. I remember once I overheard a compliment that was deservedly given to someone. For no apparent reason I lashed out at the person giving the compliment which shocked me as much as it did him. I regretted as soon as my words came out. But it revealed my insecurities and inherent lack of self-worth which I had to repent before God. God sets us up to set us free. The saving grace of Joseph’s brothers was that through their ordeal they kept their eyes on God – “What has God done to us?” And so must we.		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	How can we see God’s hand in everything that happens to us, both in the ups and downs of life? Has this lockdown brought to surface things in your life that you would rather not face? In what way, and how might they be resolved?		
Youth:	We all need to grow to be more like Jesus. Sometimes God allows us to be ‘caught’ in our wrong-doing so that we can be corrected early. From this devotion, how should we respond when caught?		
Child:	Have you ever had been hurt by durian thorns or anything sharp? How did you feel? Our words can also be a ‘sharp’ object. How can you be careful not to hurt others with words? Pray that we will always T. (is it True?) H. (is it Helpful?) I. (is it Inspiring?) N. (is it Necessary?) K (is it Kind?) before we speak.		
PRAYER:			
Praying Scripture:	Our loving heavenly Father, we confess that at times we are more interested in the product than the process; in the destination than the journey. We want to rush to where we want to be NOW. But we realize and acknowledge that there is still much work for You to do in us to help us to be more like Jesus. You are the Grand-Weaver and every detail of our lives are carefully crafted. So we submit our lives to Your wisdom and receive all that You desire to work out in our lives. And we thank and praise You for it.		
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.		