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### Worship In Song



#### He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates With thanksgiving in my heart I will enter His courts with praise

I will say this is the day That the Lord has made I will rejoice For He has made me glad He has made me glad He has made me glad I will rejoice for He has made me glad I will rejoice for



#### THIS IS THE DAY (Psalm 118:24)

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This is the day, this is the day That the Lord has made, That the Lord has made. I will rejoice, I will rejoice And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

# This is the day that the Lord has made,

I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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# This is the day that the Lord has made,

I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.



#### Come Into His Presence

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Come into His presence

With thanksgiving in your hearts

And give Him praise,

And give Him praise.

### Come into His presence

With thanksgiving in your hearts

Your voices raise,

Your voices raise.

Give glory and honor

And power unto Him,

Jesus, the Name

Above all names.

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#### Great Is The Lord

Great is the Lord,

He is holy and just;

By His power we trust

In His love.

Great is the Lord,

He is faithful and true;

By His mercy

He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord

And worthy of glory!

Great is the Lord

And worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord;

Now lift up your voice,

Now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord,

He is holy and just;

By His power we trust

In His love.

Great is the Lord,

He is faithful and true;

By His mercy

He proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord,

And worthy of glory!

Great are You, Lord,

And worthy of praise.

Great are You, Lord;

I lift up my voice,

I lift up my voice:

Great are You, Lord!

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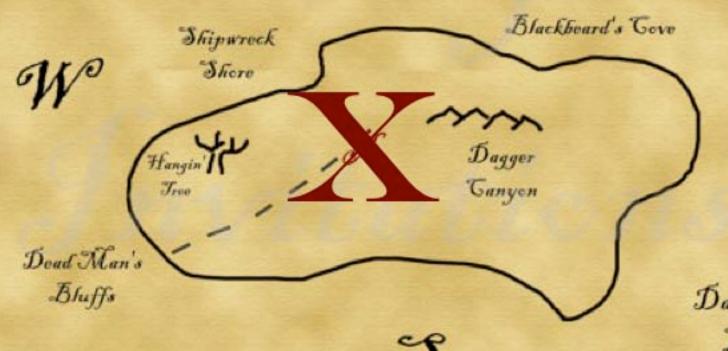
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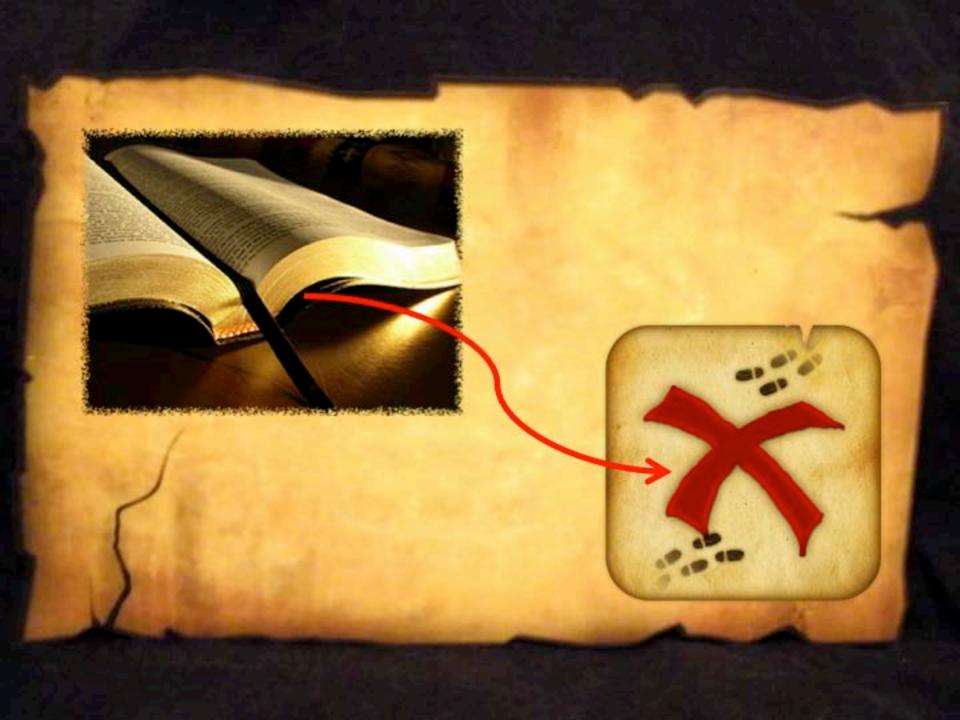


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#### Matthew 13:44 NASB

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.





#### WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

# Doxology

**Praise God** from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men

#### Worship In Song



#### Grace, Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace

Of our Loving Lord,

Grace that exceeds our sin

And our guilt!

Yonder on Calvary's

Mount out-poured

There where the blood

Of the Lamb was spilt.

God's grace,

Grace that will pardon

And cleanse within,

God's grace,

Grace that is greater

Than all our sin!

Sin and despair,

Like the sea-waves cold,

Threaten the soul

With infinite loss;

Grace that is greater-

Yes, grace untold

Points to the refuge,

The mighty cross.

God's grace,

Grace that will pardon

And cleanse within,

God's grace,

Grace that is greater

Than all our sin!

Dark is the stain

That we cannot hide,

What can avail

To wash it away?

#### Look! There is flowing

A crimson tide,

Whiter than snow

You may be today.

God's grace,

Grace that will pardon

And cleanse within,

God's grace,

Grace that is greater

Than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite,

Matchless grace,

Freely bestowed

On all who believe!

You that are longing

To see His face,

Will you this moment

His grace receive?

God's grace,

Grace that will pardon

And cleanse within,

God's grace,

Grace that is greater

Than all our sin!



## He Lifted Me

In loving kindness Jesus came

My soul in mercy to reclaim,

And from the depths of sin and shame

Through grace He lifted me.

From sinking sand He lifted me,

With tender hand He lifted me,

From shades of night

To plains of light

O praise His name, He lifted me!

He called me long before I heard,

Before my sinful heart was stirred,

But when I took Him at His word,

Forgiven He lifted me.

From sinking sand He lifted me,

With tender hand He lifted me,

From shades of night

To plains of light

O praise His name, He lifted me!

### His brow was pierced

With many a thorn,

His hands with cruel nails were torn,

When from my guilt and grief, forlorn,

In love He lifted me.

From sinking sand He lifted me,

With tender hand He lifted me,

From shades of night

To plains of light

O praise His name, He lifted me!

Now on a higher plane I dwell,

And with my soul I know 'tis well;

Yet how or why, I cannot tell,

He should have lifted me.

From sinking sand He lifted me,

With tender hand He lifted me,

From shades of night

To plains of light

O praise His name, He lifted me!



# You Are My All in All

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You are my strength

When I am weak,

You are the treasure that I seek,

You are my All in All.

#### Seeking you as a precious jewel

Lord, to give up,

I'd be a fool.

You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is Your name;

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is Your name;

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin,

My cross, my shame,

Rising again I bless Your name.

You are my All in All.

When I fall down,

You pick me up.

When I am dry, You fill my cup.

You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is Your name;

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#### Journey From Tragedy to Triumph

LESSON 7... How To Patch Up a Falling Out

**TEXT:** (Genesis 45:1-8)

Please open your Bible and read along with us.

"Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?"

But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler

over all the land of Egypt." (Genesis 45:1-8) (ESV)
Introduction:

Joseph has now put his brothers to the supreme test.

To see if they had changed, he reconstructed the circumstances of 22 years earlier when his brothers sold him into slavery.

He then offered to let all the brothers return home if they would leave Benjamin to become a slave.

Judah responded with one of the most moving appeals in the Bible, offering to stay in Benjamin's place if Joseph would let Benjamin return to his father.

In this sincere plea Joseph saw beyond any doubt his brothers had indeed changed, which brings us to...

## I. The Disclosure of Joseph (Genesis 45:1-4)

When he sees the genuine change in his brothers' hearts, Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out...

"Make everyone go out from me." So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers (45:1).

It had been a long and lonely 22 years since his brothers sold him into slavery.

When his brothers first came to Egypt about two years earlier Joseph had kept his emotions secret while God was working through him to bring genuine repentance and reconciliation.

One thing we must remember when we have had a falling out with someone is to give God time to work.

He will give us an opportunity to make reconciliation if we will wait on Him. After telling his staff to leave, Joseph wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it (45:2).

I believe that this verse makes it very clear that Joseph took no personal pleasure in deceiving and frightening his brothers.

He had great love for his brothers, in spite of their hideous sin against him.

When we have been mistreated or hurt and we truly harbor no bitterness, we cannot take pleasure in the hardship of our offenders.

Joseph is a wonderful example of the command of our Lord found in...

Matthew 5:44 ""But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,"

Romans 12:19-21 "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Proverbs 25:21 "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee."

After releasing his emotions, Joseph says 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 (Genesis 45:3).

Joseph's revelation of himself left his brothers speechless and probably terrified, because they expected him to punish them for their past sins.

Seeing his brothers' terror, Joseph says to them, "Please come near to me."

"So they came near. Then he said. "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt" (Genesis 45:4).

Again, Joseph is a wonderful example of how God reacts when we sin.

God doesn't want to punish us; He wants to forgive us.

As we discovered in the last message, "Trouble never leaves us like it finds us."

# During adversity God is often saying to us, Please come near to me.

Jesus gives us a very similar invitation in...

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

After The Disclosure of Joseph, we come to...

### II. The Deliverance of the Brothers (Genesis 45:5-15)

This is one of the most uplifting passages in the entire Bible as Joseph says to his brothers,

"But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life (Genesis 45:5).

This passage reveals that even in the most adverse circumstances Joseph knew God was working, and therefore he uses His name four times in verses 5-9.

### Notice how Joseph makes it clear in Genesis 45:7-8.

Genesis 45:7-8 ""And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 "So now it was not you who sent me here, but GOD; ...and <u>He</u> has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt."

GOD was working in both the adversity and blessings of JOSEPH'S life!

Joseph was a loving and forgiving brother, because he could see the hand of God in every event in his life.

When we become bitter about life or toward people, we have forgotten that nothing can happen to us that God does not allow.

GOD has a loving purpose for everything.

Three times in this passage Joseph says, God sent me, and finally in verse 9 he says, God has made me Lord of all Egypt..."

Romans 8:28-29 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

We must never forget that no matter what happens to us, God is in control, working behind the scenes.

God will ultimately prevail despite the intention of others, including the devil himself for evil. In Genesis 45:9-12, Joseph instructs his brothers to go back to Canaan without delay and...

"bring back their families and dwell in the land of Goshen,"

(a very fertile area in the northeastern part of Egypt.)

There Joseph says he will provide for their needs because there are still five years of famine.

Genesis 45:13 "You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." (ESV)

Joseph's loneliness and yearning are clearly seen in verses 14-15, "Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him." (Genesis 45:14-15) (ESV)

The phrase "after that his brothers talked with him" is very revealing.

In my years as a pastor I have had to lead my church to make decisions that did not please everyone.

The way I can best detect when someone is upset with me is when they don't want to talk to me.

The same is true of me when my heart is not right.

Not wanting to talk to people or a specific individual, is usually a symptom of bitterness and resentment, which is a violation of the command found in Ephesians 4:31.

Ephesians 4:31 "Let <u>all</u> bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be <u>put away</u> from you, with all malice."

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We cannot patch up a falling out until we first deal with the bitterness that may be present in our own hearts. Following The Disclosure of Joseph and The Deliverance of the Brothers comes...

## III. The Decision of Pharaoh (Genesis 45:16-24)

Upon hearing of Joseph's brothers and their families who were starving in Canaan, Pharaoh tells Joseph to tell his brothers to return to the land of Canaan and,

"Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land."

### Now you are commanded —do this:

"Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come" (Genesis 45:18-19).

In his commentary, James Montgomery Boice points out these carts were not rickety, unpainted, cheap wooden carts.

They were the equivalent of a Rolls Royce because no one else in the world had carts like these.

The brothers had come to Egypt on foot or riding their donkeys, which would return loaded with food.

To return to Canaan with carts would be the equivalent of going home in limousines in which to transport the entire clan back to Egypt.

Joseph does as Pharaoh instruct, personally taking charge of equipping his brothers and giving them provisions for the journey.

He gave to all of them, to each man, changes of garments; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of garments as well as lavish gifts for his father (45:21-23).

300 pieces of Silver given to Benjamin = about \$70 US today. In Jesus day a denarius per day, (Matthew 20:2) was a laborers wages, which was probably equal to 15 to 17 cents.

\$70.00 divided by .16 a day = 437.5 days wages or 1.2 years worth.

As they leave, Joseph says to his brothers, "See that you do not become troubled along the way" (Genesis 45:24).

# In other words, "Don't quarrel along the way."

Joseph knew that just as poverty can sometimes draw people closer together, prosperity can pull them apart.

Sometimes prosperity is the worst thing that can happen to us because it takes attention and affection away from people we love.

- 1 Timothy 6:10 warn us of the dangers of prosperity.
- 1 Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

It's estimated that that millions of people play the lottery everyday. This includes both the old and the young. It includes people that already have money and people that desperately need cash. It seems most want to be a lottery winner! Yet, according to at least one psychologist, there are dangers associated with winning.

ABC's Good Morning America News reports that a psychologist by the name of Steve Danish from the Virginia Commonwealth University has been studying the effect that instant wealth has had on lottery winners, with the results being pretty grim. He states "The dream you have about winning may be better than the actuality of winning. There have been families that have just-just been torn apart by this process."

There have been many lottery stories where lottery winners have suffered great loss and other casualties. Some of these lottery stories include:

A couple whose marriage ended in divorce after winning a \$25 million jackpot A man that was kidnapped and murdered by his sister-in-law after winning \$20 million A man that was forced to use his money in dealing with the hardships of death and divorce.

Besides ABC Good Morning America News, MSN Money reports more horror filled lottery winners stories including:

A two time New Jersey winner that spent over 5.4 million dollars in two years and now lives in a trailer A 1988 Pennsylvania winner of 16.2 million dollars that now lives on food stamps and social security

A woman that is in serious debt because she used her winnings as collateral for a loan which she couldn't pay

A man that opened a business with his 1 million dollar winnings only to have to declare bankruptcy five years later.

In almost all cases the responses of these lottery winners were the same. "I wish I wouldn't have ever won."

Moreover, Joseph's exhortation to his brothers about not bickering or fighting reminds us of the command of Jesus:

John 13:34 ""..., that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

Having looked at the disclosure of Joseph, the deliverance of the brothers, and the decision of Pharaoh, let's now see...

## IV. The Delight of Jacob (Genesis 45:25-28)

While his sons were in Egypt, Jacob had been waiting to see if Benjamin and Simeon would return with his other sons.

He probably wondered what mysteries and bad news they would bring home this time.

He must have been overwhelmed when they drove up in the latest model of Egyptian carts, loaded with extravagant provisions.

Jacob's sons immediately tell him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt".

"And Jacob heart stood still, because he did not believe them" (Genesis 45:26).

Then they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them (45:27), which traced God's providence in all that had happened.

That explanation, coupled with the fact that when he sees the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him causes the spirit of Jacob their father to revive.

Now Jacob knows God could turn any "tragedy into triumph."

After hearing Joseph's words and seeing the carts, Jacob says "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die" (Genesis 45:28).

Jacob's decision to take his family to Egypt began the fulfillment of the promise of God found in...

Genesis 15:13 "Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years."

It is obvious there is no bitterness in Israel's (Jacob's) heart toward the ten sons who had sold Joseph and deceived him.

They had made things right with God and with Joseph, and that was all that mattered.

Their repentance is clear, and so reconciliation of the entire family is possible.

When seeking to patch up a falling out, remember the source of hard feelings may be in your own heart.

The culprit in most disagreements is pride.

Proverbs 13:10 "By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom."

Pride is usually involved in any falling out, most often on the part of both parties. Therefore, you should remember the promise found in James 4:6.

James 4:6 "But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.""

#### Conclusion:

- We can know how to patch up a falling out by remembering:
- The disclosure of Joseph,
- The deliverance of the brothers,
- The decision of Pharaoh,
- And The delight of Jacob.

Based on this lesson, what can you do to patch up a falling out and will you obey God and do it?

#### Worship In Song



## There Is A Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Immanuel's veins,

And sinners plunged beneath that flood

Lose all their guilty stains:

Lose all their guilty stains,

Lose all their guilty stains;

And sinners plunged beneath that flood

Lose all their guilty stains.

#### The dying thief rejoiced to see

That fountain in his day,

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sins away:

Wash all my sins away,

Wash all my sins away;

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sins away.

### Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood

Shall never lose its power,

'Til all the ransomed Church of God

Be saved to sin no more:

Be saved to sin no more,

Be saved to sin no more;

'Til all the ransomed Church of God

Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream

Thy flowing wounds supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme

And shall be 'til I die:

And shall be 'til I die,

And shall be 'til I die;

Redeeming love has been my theme

And shall be 'til I die.

When this poor lisping,

Stammering tongue

Lies silent in the grave,

Then in a nobler, sweeter song

I'll sing Thy power to save:

I'll sing Thy power to save,

I'll sing Thy power to save;

Then in a nobler, sweeter song

I'll sing Thy power to save.

# Benediction & Fellowship