

# THE Story

## Lesson 7 Chapter 3 Joseph reunited with his family p. 34-42

1. Joseph was reunited with his brothers 22 years after they sold him off as a slave. What strikes you about Joseph's attitude toward his brothers and the way he treated them?

What does this teach us about the condition of his heart and the depth of his faith?

What does this teach us about God's method's of getting our attention based on these verses?

*Hebrews 12:6 & 11*

*<sup>6</sup>because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” <sup>11</sup>No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

2. Joseph could have retaliated and gotten revenge on his brothers for the wrong they had done to him. What makes it hard to forgive people who have wronged us...either intentionally or unintentionally?

3. One middle of page 37 we read that "Benjamin's portion was five times as much as anyone else's." Was it based on affection for Benjamin or another test for his brothers?

4. Review the actions of Joseph's brothers on pages 37-39. How do they show a real change in them?

5. What were some of the reasons for Joseph's intensity of feelings as noted on the top of page 39?

6. What do Joseph's statements to his brothers "God sent me ahead of you..it was not you who sent me here but God" on page 39 and his statement at the top of page 42 "you intended to harm me but God intended it for good" reveal to us about

Joseph's faith?

Joseph's God?

7. How do the following verses provide a fitting conclusion to this chapter?

**Acts 7:9-10**

*<sup>9</sup> "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him <sup>10</sup> and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.*

**Hebrews 11:21-22**

*<sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. <sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.*

8. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace