

Living By Faith Not Sight

“Imparting Forgiveness”

Genesis 45:1-15, 50:15-20

WE have the Privilege of Imparting Forgiveness to those who have Wronged us.

True Reconciliation...True Forgiveness cannot happen without Two Important Ingredients:

1. FORGIVENESS MUST BE EXTENDED. (45:1-8)

- After gaining *his Composure*, Joseph said, “AAA-NEE-YO-SAPHE” (I Am Joseph)
- They were *SO Overwhelmed with Fear* they *couldn't even Speak*. (v.3)
- *Joseph Reassured his brothers* with *TWO WORDS...“BUT GOD!”* (v.8)
- God doesn't necessarily CAUSE *all the Circumstances* in your life but He *Certainly USES Them* for *His Purposes*.+
- We make it More Difficult when we Misunderstand the TRUE MEANING of Forgiveness.

Four Common Misunderstandings about Forgiveness.

1. Forgiveness is NOT OVERLOOKING the WRONG.
2. Forgiveness is NOT EXCUSING the WRONG.
3. Forgiveness is NOT MINIMIZING the WRONG.
4. Forgiveness is NOT ACCEPTING BLAME for the WRONG.

2. FORGIVENESS MUST (also) BE ACCEPTED.

- *The Brothers STILL have NOT Fully Accepted the Forgiveness Joseph Extended.*
- *The Brothers Allow GUILT to Do a Number* on them. (Genesis 50:15-20)
- OFTEN in life, the Last Ones We Forgive is Ourselves.
- *Have you Received the Forgiveness JESUS Died to give you?*

Five Truths About Forgiveness:

1. Remember if You're SAVED, it's ONLY because You've been FORGIVEN.
2. Remember You will NEED Forgiveness Some Point in the FUTURE.
3. Reflect on the Terrible COST of REFUSING to Forgive.
4. Remember, you will Be ABLE to Forgive when you LOOK for the Hand of GOD at WORK in your Circumstances.
5. Through Jesus, GOD Forgives ALL!