

Water of Life Community Church

JOURNEY INTO DESTINY

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

WEEK #9

GENESIS 42-45

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

In this week's sermon we see Joseph's journey where many years have passed since his brothers sold him into slavery. He was given an opportunity to deal with his feelings of anger and pain against his brothers and at the same time an opportunity to forgive, to bless them and be gracious to them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ GENESIS 42:1-2, 6, GENESIS 42:18-28, AND PSALMS 32:3-4.

- a. How did God ensure Joseph was in a position to bless his family?
- b. Why was it important for Joseph to test his brothers'? What was he trying to learn about them?
- c. As they endured Joseph's testing, what were the brothers being compelled to deal with?
- d. Why did Joseph want his brothers to confront their past wrongs?

2. READ JAMES 5:16, EPHESIANS 5:11, 13, PSALM 32:3-4, GENESIS 42:25-30, 35-36, AND 43:1-10

- a. What are the consequences of hidden sin that has not been dealt with or confessed?
- b. According to the scripture, what happens when we confess our sins?
- c. What happens when we are genuinely repentant?
- d. How did Judah demonstrate that his heart had changed, and he was repentant? Who was he concerned about?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Have you ever done something that brought you shame? Regardless of how long it has been, it is never too late to change your heart, confess your sin, and if you have not done so, ask Jesus to come into your heart as your personal Savior. Go to God because He wants a close, loving intimate relationship with you.
- Recall, if you can, a time when you had an assignment or opportunity to help someone who had wronged you. Pray and ask God to give you a heart of love and compassion for others.

TAKING IT HOME

Like Joseph saved his people from famine and death, Jesus saves us from sin and gives us eternal life. God looks at the condition of our hearts. Therefore, we must repent or have a change of heart, go to Him, and confess our sins. Like, Joseph united Israel with its destiny, Jesus our Lord and Savior unites us with our destiny, which is abundant life on Earth and eternal life with the Father.

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MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 50:20

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people."