



**-Forgiveness-  
Lifted by the Lord**

# Review of Day 1 and 2



Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons and they hated Joseph

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Joseph shared his dream that they would bow down to him.

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They grab him, take his robe and put him in the cistern

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The traders take Joseph on the long trip to Egypt

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Joseph was sold to Potiphar and God prospered Joseph and his master

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Potiphar's wife tempted Joseph, but he refused her advances

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Potiphar put Jacob in prison, but the Lord was still with Joseph



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Joseph tells Pharaoh the meaning of the two dreams

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*Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

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## “The Love and Sovereignty of God”

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- God used the circumstances in Joseph's life to grow his faith and trust and teach him to forgive his brothers.
- God will use the circumstances in your life to grow your faith and trust.
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Pharaoh appoints Joseph as his second in command



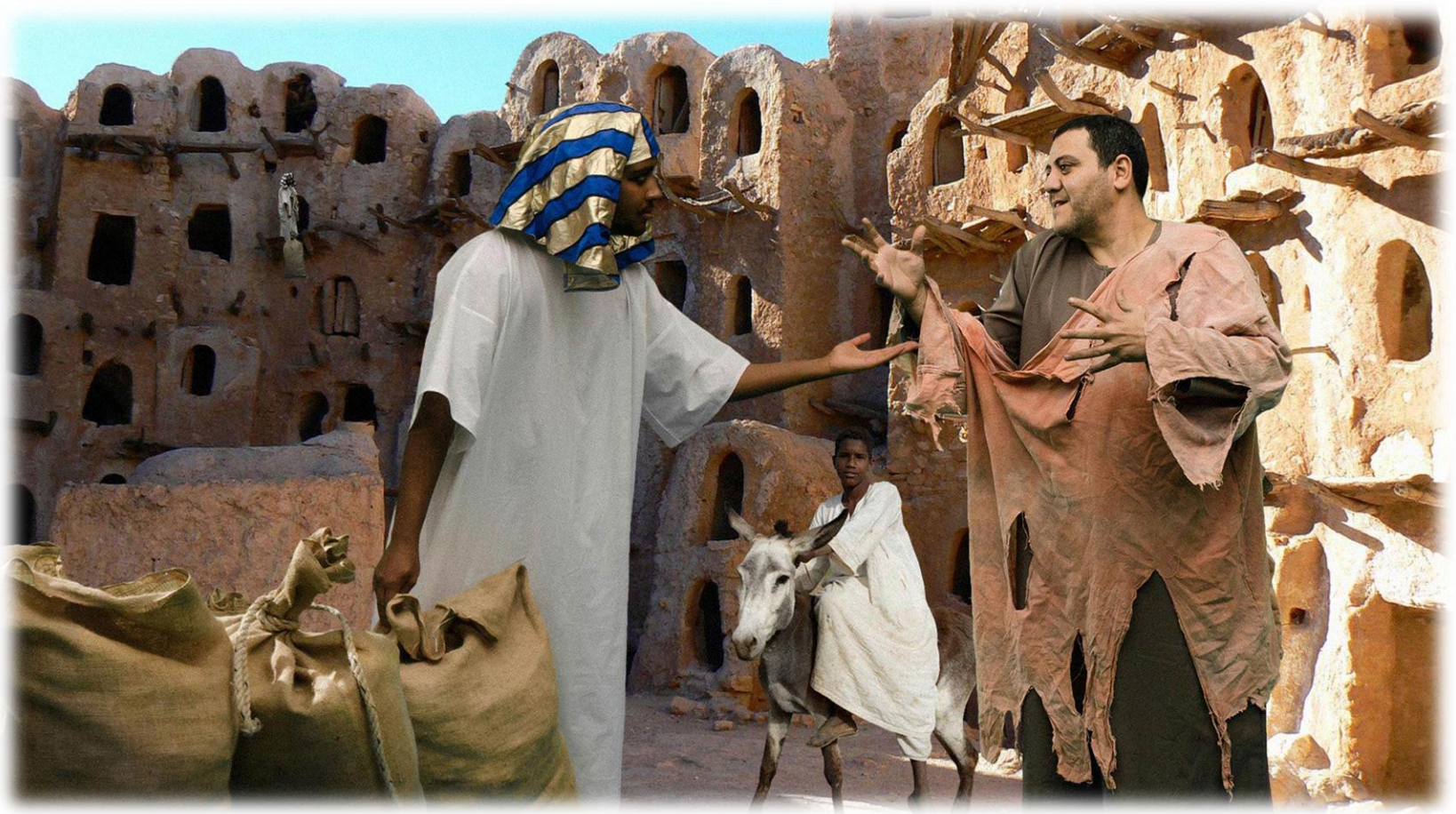
Joseph is in charge of storing up food during the seven years of plenty



After the 7 years of plenty, came the 7 years of famine



Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians



The famine was severe everywhere and all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain



Jacob learns there is grain in Egypt and sends his sons to buy grain





Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother,



Joseph's brothers arrived and bowed down to him because he was governor



Remember Joseph's dream. He told his brothers they would bow to him.



Joseph pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "You are spies!"



Joseph's brothers told him their youngest brother was home with their father



Joseph told his brothers they would be tested. They must send one of them home to get their youngest brother. He put them all in custody for 3 days.



Joseph looked away and wept.



Joseph kept Simeon in prison and sent the rest back home with grain for their starving households and to bring the younger brother back.





Joseph had their bags filled with grain and their silver placed in their sacks



They loaded their grain and left



When they stopped for the night, one of them found their silver in their sacks and they were afraid, “What is this that God has done to us.”



Joseph's brothers return home and explain everything that happened to Jacob.



Jacob refused to allow Benjamin to go to Egypt



The famine continues and they are again running out of food.  
Jacob tells his sons to return to Egypt.



Judah said to Jacob, “Send the boy with me and we will go at once so our families will not die.”



They headed off to Egypt, taking Benjamin with them





They arrived in Egypt and Joseph saw Benjamin with them.  
He made arrangements to eat with them.



They were afraid because of the silver they found in their sacks



The Manager said, "Don't be Afraid.  
Your God must have put the treasure in your sacks."



They released Simeon from prison to join them



Joseph arrives and they gave him gifts. Joseph asked about his father Jacob.



Joseph looked at Benjamin and asked, “Is this your youngest brother?”



Joseph was overcome with emotion and rushed away



Joseph ordered that food be brought out. Benjamin was given five times as much as his brothers.





Joseph instructs the palace manager, 'Fill their sacks with grain and put their money back in their sacks and put my personal cup at the top of the youngest brother's sack.'



The next day they started their journey home



They had barely left the city and Joseph ordered the manager to stop them.



He stopped them and inspected the sacks and found the cup.  
They were all taken back to Joseph.



Joseph asked them, “What have you done?” Judah pleaded, “God is punishing us for our sins. We have all returned to be your slaves.”



Joseph replied, “The man who stole my cup (Benjamin) will be my slave.  
The rest of you may go back to your father in peace.”



Judah pleaded with Joseph.  
He asked to stay as Joseph's slave in place of Benjamin.



Joseph could stand it no more. He sent his attendants away. Then he told them, "I am Joseph! Is my father alive?" His brothers were stunned.





Joseph said, “ I am your brother whom you sold into slavery. Don’t be angry with yourselves. It was God who sent me to save your lives.”  
Joseph kissed his brothers and sent them to bring his father.

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