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Bible Study:



Read Genesis 42 and 43. Remembering back to how the brothers treated Joseph (Gen. 37), notice the many ways God has replaced hatred and bitterness with love and concern.

The gospel in the story:



God is Lord of the heart. In this story, we see a pattern of hatred and bitterness being transformed by God's grace into repentance and love. This is a foreshadowing of the picture of Jesus' mission to take away sins, once and for all and to create new life in Him. The starting point for us is to recognize how sin separates us from God, repent, and put our faith in Jesus.

Application

Head: **What did we learn?**

Q: Why did the brothers travel to Egypt? A: Because there was famine in the land, and they heard that food was available for sale there.

Q: Who was the overseer of the Egyptian food stores? A: Joseph

Q: What happened when Joseph saw and recognized his brothers? A: He accused them of being spies, demanded to see the younger brother, and kept Simeon as ransom.

Q: Who was Benjamin? A: Joseph's brother (the only other son born to Jacob through Rachel)

Q: How does Reuben and Judah's treatment of Benjamin compare to how they treated Joseph?

A: They were genuinely concerned for his wellbeing, whereas they (all but Reuben) wanted to kill Joseph.

Heart : **Memory verse**

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Hands: **How does this affect the way I live?**

God wants to bring restoration to our hearts. This is the process of sanctification, in which the Holy Spirit transforms our sinful hearts into a better and better reflection of Jesus' heart.

Home: **How does this affect my household?**

God desires they type of unification we saw Jacob's family as God's grace brings repentance that leads to a deeper love for God and others.

Heaven: **How does this help me share my faith?**

Just as households unified in Jesus are strong and beautiful, Church families unified in Jesus that routinely and openly demonstrate repentance and forgiveness are equally beautiful and a compelling witness to those who don't yet know Jesus.