

**Bible Study 2 – Joseph’s response to injustice – Gen. 37; 45:1-15; 50:15-21**

Three mean-looking guys on motorcycles pulled into a truck stop cafe where a truck driver, a little guy, was sitting at the counter, quietly eating his lunch. The three thugs saw him, grabbed his food, and laughed in his face. The truck driver didn’t say a word. He got up, paid for his food and walked out. One of the bikers, unhappy that they hadn’t succeeded in provoking the little man into a fight, bragged to the waitress, “He sure wasn’t much of a man, was he?” The waitress replied, “No, I guess not.” Then, glancing out the window she added, “I guess he’s not much of a truck driver, either. He just ran over three motorcycles.”

<b>The context</b>	Jacob the grandson of Abraham was deceitful. His convinced His brother Esau to exchange his birthright (a double inheritance and leader of the family) for a meal. And he deceived an elderly Isaac to give him a blessing before he died. Because Esau wanted to kill him, Jacob fled to Paddan Aram where he worked for Laban for 20 years and married and had 12 sons. After fleeing from Laban with his family and flocks of sheep, on the way back to Canaan Jacob had a friendly meeting with Esau.
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**PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Gen. 37; 45:1-15; 50:15-21**

Jealousy (37:1-11)	
Conspiracy (37:12-36)	
Reunion (45:1-15)	
Fear of revenge (50:15-21)	

**PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage**

**1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?**

**2. What does it teach about people?**

**3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.**

**4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?**

**5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?**

**6. Instead of retaliation, how should a Christian deal with someone who wrongs them (Ephesians 4:32)?**

**7. Which parts of the passages were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?**

Joseph’s brothers hated him and sold him into slavery. Later Joseph rescued them from famine and was kind to them. He was humble – he didn’t say, “Remember the dreams”. He didn’t take revenge because he knew that God had planned what happened.

