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.'

The context	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.

PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words — Gen. 37; 45:1-15; 50:15-21

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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.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God? What must I do to obey?

I will			
I will			
I will			

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a SIN for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a COMMANDMENT or MODEL for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?		

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

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