

JOSEPH REVEALED

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Gen 45:1-3 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

Troubled indeed. I imagine that they were dumb founded. Stunned. Speechless. Terrified!

Gen 45:4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

No doubt they thought, "Could this be true? Could this man actually be their long lost brother? How was it possible? But if not, then how did he know their story and what they had done so many years before? If he was really Joseph, then surely they were about to pay for their sins.

Gen 45:5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

How was Joseph able to forgive these men who had caused him so much pain? By understanding, that the hand of God was at work in his life, through it all!

In order for you and I to be able to overcome the hurt, the pain and the bitterness that the enemy would like to destroy us with, whenever others do us wrong, we have to change how we look at things. Instead of focusing on what others have done to us, we need to focus on what God wants to do inside of us.

Joseph was a man who was able to view his life with a divine perspective. Are you? Are you able to see the hand of God at work in your life or are you blinded by the actions of others?

Joseph didn't deny the evil intentions of his brothers, but he didn't stop and focus all of his attention on what they did. He was able to say, "But God, meant it for good."

The same God that was involved in everything that happened in Joseph's life is the same God who is involved in everything that happens in our life as well.