

WEEK SIX

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So Joseph's ten older brothers went down to Egypt to buy grain. But Jacob wouldn't let Joseph's younger brother, Benjamin, go with them, for fear some harm might come to him. So Jacob's sons arrived in Egypt along with others to buy food, for the famine was in Canaan as well.

*Since Joseph was governor of all Egypt and in charge of selling grain to all the people, it was to him that his brothers came. When they arrived, they bowed before him with their faces to the ground. **Genesis 42:3-6 NLT***

*"I am Joseph!" he said to his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. 4 "Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt. **Genesis 45:3-8 NLT***

Fulfillment comes when we do OUR part while God does his part.

OUR WORK:

_____ **for what is lost.**

*Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh's palace. **Genesis 45:2 NLT***

_____ **the urge to make choices out of your brokenness.**

*So Joseph put them all in prison for three days. **Genesis 42:17 NLT***

*Now he turned away from them and began to weep. When he regained his composure, he spoke to them again. Then he chose Simeon from among them and had him tied up right before their eyes. **Genesis 42:24 NLT***

When his brothers were ready to leave, Joseph gave these instructions to his palace manager: "Fill each of their sacks with as much grain as they can carry, and put each man's money back into his sack. Then put my personal silver cup at the top of the youngest brother's sack, along with the money for his grain." So the manager did as Joseph instructed him.

The brothers were up at dawn and were sent on their journey with their loaded donkeys. But when they had gone only a short distance and were barely out of the city, Joseph said to his palace manager, "Chase after them and stop them. When you catch up with them, ask them, 'Why have you repaid my kindness with such evil? Why have you stolen my master's silver cup, which he uses to predict the future? What a wicked thing you have done!'" Genesis 44:3-5 NLT

_____ **with forgiving others.**

Ask how my hopes are connected to a

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So Jacob left Beersheba, and his sons took him to Egypt. They carried him and their little ones and their wives in the wagons Pharaoh had provided for them. They also took all their livestock and all the personal belongings they had acquired in the land of Canaan. So Jacob and his entire family went to Egypt— sons and grandsons, daughters and granddaughters—all his descendants. Genesis 46:5-7 NLT

_____ **what has been fulfilled and what is yet to come.**

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

1. What part of the message resonated most with you?
2. Read: Genesis 44:1-5 – what stood out most to you – why?
3. Have you grieved a loss of some kind in life – friend, family, job, marriage, etc?
4. Have you had to forgive someone in your life? Is there someone you still need to forgive?
5. What part of God's work in your life can you celebrate?
6. Read 2 Cor. 4:16-17 – what word, phrase stood out most to you – why?