

Joseph *“The Great Reveal”*

Introduction: God has a way of revealing things that may seem to be permanently hidden. Jesus said; *“There is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.”* Joseph’s brothers had committed a great transgression against him... and God was watching. In spite of themselves, God was using this family for good. As their life circumstances changed, we see God doing His amazing work.

We see; The Great Reveal:

- Guilty Consciences Revealed; **Genesis 42:18-21** *“We are truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear him...”* When Joseph’s brothers sold him into slavery they caused trauma not only to Joseph but also to themselves. A bad-deed seed was planted and it’s fruit was coming forth. ***Let your conscience be your guide.***
- Suspicious Minds Revealed; **Genesis 42:25-28** *“What is this that God has done to us?”* Because Joseph’s brothers were sinister, they assumed that everyone else was also sinister. They contended with themselves and with each other to gain favor from their father. ***A suspicious mind is a restless mind.***
- The Rejected Brother Revealed; **Genesis 45:1-8** *“I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt.”* Because they had done Joseph wrongly, his brothers had a difficult time being glad to see him. They didn’t realize that their wicked works were against God and you can’t beat God. ***Things only die when God says so.***
- God’s plan Revealed; **Genesis 50:15-19** *“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good...”* God’s ways are far above our ways and He does things much differently than you or I might do them. In spite of their evil deeds, they were still Joseph’s brothers. ***God does good in spite of man’s bad.***

When Joseph was a young man, he dreamed of an incredible future that would see him as one whom others would esteem. But to see the fulfillment of that dream, he would endure betrayal, temptation and injustice that would take him to the bottom. Yet because of his commitment and obedience to God, he rose to the pinnacle of prestige in a foreign land. You are a child of God living in the Great King’s kingdom. If Joseph could make it there... you surely can make it here.