



## The Mystery of Total Forgiveness

### **THE DARKEST TIME RT KENDALL AND HIS WIFE EVER WENT THROUGH**

- An unjust situation happened in their life.
- An old friend told RT he had to totally forgive them, or he would be in chains. Release them, and you will be released.
- Forgiveness is what you want the least but need the most.

### **JOSEPH'S PARENTS WERE PARTIAL TO HIM ABOVE HIS OLDER BROTHERS.**

- They made him a coat of many colors (King James Version).
- His brothers were jealous of him.
- Joseph had prophetic dreams from God. His mistake was telling them to his brothers.
- One dream through symbolism told of his parents and brothers bowing down to him.
- We, like Joseph, need to learn to keep some of our revelations to ourselves—God may then tell us so much more.
- Joseph's brothers decided to kill him.

### **ISHMAELITES IN A CARAVAN BROUGHT HIM UP OUT OF THE WELL TO SELL HIM.**

- Joseph's brothers and parents never thought they would see Joseph again.
- The Ishmaelites sold Joseph to an Egyptian named Potiphar and he became head of his household.

### **POTIPHAR'S WIFE TRIED TO SEDUCE JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR HAD HIM THROWN IN PRISON—THOUGH HE DID NOTHING WRONG.**

- Joseph interprets two dreams of the king's cup bearer and baker.
- Joseph asks the cup-bearer to remember him before the Pharaoh when he got his job back in three days.
- The cup-bearer completely forgot Joseph.

## **SOME YEARS LATER, PHARAOH HAD A DREAM NO ONE COULD INTERPRET.**

- Then the cup-bearer remembered Joseph.
- Joseph had no credentials, no recommendations; no pedigree.
- God used Joseph despite those things. God will use you!
- Pharaoh made Joseph Prime Minister over Egypt.

## **LATER, THE 11 BROTHERS HAVE TO COME TO EGYPT TO BUY FOOD—THEY HAVE TO GO TO THE PRIME MINISTER.**

- They do not know its Joseph—its 22 years later, Joseph's dress and language are Egyptian.
- He knows who they are, and when they came and bowed down before him, he knew it was a literal fulfillment of the dream he had 22 years ago.
- Joseph had thought that God gave him that dream so that one day he would look at his brothers and say "Gotcha!"
- But now he was a new Joseph, changed and broken. God had postponed that dream's fulfillment for that reason.

## **JOSEPH STARTS TO CRY.**

- He cries so loudly, even Pharaoh heard about it.
- He finally reveals his identity to his brothers, and they were terribly afraid of him.
- But he totally forgave them.

## **JESUS TAUGHT US TO FORGIVE IN THE LORD'S PRAYER.**

*"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"*  
(Matt. 6:12).

## **HOW TO KNOW YOU HAVE TOTALLY FORGIVEN.**

- You don't tell anyone what they did to you.
  - We want to turn everyone against them.
- You won't let them fear you.
- You won't let them feel guilty.
  - Joseph told his brothers, *"Don't even be angry with yourself."*

- You let them save face.
  - Joseph told them it wasn't they, but God who sent him to Egypt.
  - *Love keeps no record of wrongs* (1Cor. 13).
- You protect them from their darkest secret.
  - The brothers would rather die than have their father find out what they had done to Joseph.
- You keep forgiving them.
  - After Jacob died, the brothers thought Joseph would now expose them. They asked him to forgive them again. 17 years later, he was still forgiving them.
- You pray for them.
  - Joseph took care of them and blessed them.
- God told RT to bless someone that he had wished judgement on—RT did, and God blessed him.

**WE'VE ALL GOT SKELETONS IN OUR CLOSET.**