



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.