

FEARFUL BROTHERS AND A FRETTING FATHER

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Just as Joseph said, the seven years of plenty were followed by seven years of famine. People were starving. The only country that had food was Egypt.

More than 20 years had passed since Joseph had been sold into slavery. His brothers were now middle aged men with families of their own. Joseph was not a topic of conversation. They did their best to keep him out of their minds.

Little did they know that he was now the prime minister of Egypt. It was before him that they stood, in need of food. Their lives were in his hands.

As they stood before Joseph, he gave them a hard time. They begin to wonder if perhaps what was happening to them was because of what they had done years ago to their brother.

Gen 42:21 And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

In order for our heart to be right with God, we must be big enough to admit our mistakes and take responsibility for our actions.

The brothers did not blame their father. They did not blame Joseph. They did not excuse their behavior. They admitted the truth. "We are guilty concerning our brother."

Are there things in your life that you need to confess? What you refuse to admit today, just might come back to haunt you tomorrow. Honesty is always the best policy!

Joseph allowed his brothers to return home to their father, but when they told him about the situation, Jacob responded in fear and not in faith. His response was, "All these things are against me."

How do you respond whenever it appears that things are going against you? Do you respond in faith or fear? Do you think that the world is against you or are you willing to consider the hand of God in your situation?

You might be facing a famine today but God has provision for your tomorrows.

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.