October 24, 2021 Declare the Gospel

## **Dital Signs**

Deaf Ministry, Est 1992 Deaf Bible Class, Est 6 Oct 2002 Sundays 830AM, Revels 205 Class Leader: Rick Allen Class Secretary: Cindy Allen Care Group Leaders: Rick & Cindy Allen Deaf Church, Est 27 Apr 2014 Sundays 930AM, Revels 205 Pastor: Paul Chappell

VITAL SIGNS On Facebook, YouTube Lancaster Baptist Church Deaf Ministry @lbcdeafministry Sundays 5PM Pastor Chappell Wednesdays 7PM Deaf Devotion Online Vitals Signs Deaf Class 10.24.21 830am

Joseph the Dreamer Lesson 7 "Grace to Go Around" (to share)

Genesis 41-42

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

- 1. Joseph's Brothers Need . . .
- A. Food
- B. Leadership
- 2. Joseph Gives Tests . . .
- A. Test their character

Accused them of being spies "we are true men . . . "

- B. Test their trustworthiness
- They were good liars before . . .
- Threw them in jail for days
- C. Test their consistency
- They confess their sin
- 3. Joseph Gave Grace . . .
- A. Joseph was wise with his emotions
- B. Joseph was kind, not cruel

Conclusion:

God had a plan to save Joseph's family from starvation. God had a plan to show His power to Egypt and the world. God had a plan to heal Joseph's family.

God had a plan to show His grace through Joseph: Joseph was not bitter or angry.

Joseph was gracious to his brothers.

We should be gracious to those who hurt us.

Being gracious and forgiving will unlock God's grace (blessing) in our lives.

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**Overcoming Tests** 

Genesis 22:1-2 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

<sup>2</sup> And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

- 1. God's Request
- A. Sacrifice

Specific, clear, no doubts

B. Suddenness

Be ready for a test any time . . . we never know

C. Site, Mt Moriah

Special, prophetic . . . Jerusalem, Temple Mount

"which I will tell thee of . . . "

"We will learn the will of God as we do the will of God"

World moves you . . . or God uses you to move the world

2. Abraham's Response

Highest sacrifice in the Bible, except for Jesus Christ

A. Prompt

"And Abraham rose up early in the morning, . . . "

Rose early . . . Obey = quick, complete, no complaint . . . Training our children for relationship with God . . . God expects obey quick, complete, no complaint . . . Not delay Not debate Not denial B. Preparation Donkey, packed Servants Wood Fire Knife He prepared to obey even when he did not want to do it. Willing to prepare to do His will? Willing to prepare to do your best for Him?

Abraham left the servants . . . sometimes we will need to separate ourselves to obey Him well. Laid the wood in order – He did his best for the LORD

C. Promise

"And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. . . . "

D. Problem

"And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? . . . "

3. Faith's Reward
God always rewards faith and obedience
A. God provided a sacrifice.
Ram caught in a thicket – Abraham offered the ram, not Isaac.
Reminds us that Jesus Christ died for us.
Salvation by faith in Jesus Christ

B. Proof

God knew Abraham's obedience . . . was for Abraham, you, and me ?our life prove our love, commitment, faith? God proved His love for us by giving His Son ?my love clear to all?

C. Praise God praised Abraham for his faith, obey ?we crave God's praise, or others'?