

GVBC Sermon Study Notes – The Story of Family

Genesis 50 | Keeping His Word

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Keeping His Word: Past vv.1-14

Keeping His Word: Present vv.15-21

“Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept. v.17

Brothers are not reconciled v.18

- Brothers never confessed, they were caught.
- Brothers never asked for forgiveness until now.
- Brothers never told their father the truth.
- Brothers did not know they were slaves, so cannot be free.

Joseph reconciled vv.19-21

- Joseph, who had known slavery, was now free
- Joseph refused to play “God”
- Joseph trusted God’s purposes were good
- Joseph lived free enough to reassure and be kind
- Joseph understood God’s plan was bigger
- Joseph faced the future reconciled

Keeping His Word: Future vv.22-26

- *Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.” Exodus 13.19*
- *And Joseph’s bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph’s descendants. Joshua 24.32*
- *By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. Hebrews 11.22*

Testimony of Joseph's Life

- Joseph recognized he was “added” by God for his family’s sake.
- Joseph viewed all circumstances through God’s perspective.
- Joseph’s Godly character was the incubator of Godly attitudes.
- Joseph’s priorities were God and family, not title and position.
- Joseph’s brokenness paves the way for reconciliation.

Keeping God’s Word means living out His Word.

*We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: **1 John 2:3-5***

Keeping God’s Word causes us to be fruitful.

*But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. **Luke 8.15***

Keeping God’s Word makes us people of promise.

*His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. **2 Peter 1.3-4***