

**Matthew 7:24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.:25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.:27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”**

Genesis 45:4 “Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt.

Genesis 45:5 But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. Genesis 45:6 This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

Genesis 45:7 God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors.

Genesis 45:8 So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

Genesis 50:18 Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said.

Genesis 50:19 But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you?

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Genesis 50:21 No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

REVIEW

## **2. GROWING UP IN EVERY WAY**

### **EMOTIONAL MATURITY**

#### **WHERE YOU ARE EMOTIONALLY IS THE RESULT**

- 1. THE SINS YOU COMMITTED AGAINST OTHERS**
- 2. THE SINS OTHERS COMMITTED AGAINST YOU**

**FOUNDATION ... TRUTH**

**STRUCTURE ... ACTIONS AND OBEDIENCE**

**COMFORT ... FEELS IN THE HOUSE**

**Nehemiah 8:10 This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the lord is your strength!"**

**WHAT THE AIR SMELLS LIKE!**

**CONFESSION ADDRESSES BOTH SINS.**

**1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.**

**James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.**

**Main Thoughts:**

- 1. We Need Each Other**
- 2. We Need Wisdom in Choosing Community**
- 3. We Have a Responsibility to Each Other**

**- ACCOUNTABILITY IN COMMUNITY**

- 1. SMALL GROUP MEETING UNLESS YOUR FAMILY HAS WEEKLY WORSHIP.**
- 2. OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE.**

**STOP ACTING LIKE CHILDREN...RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IS CRITICAL**

**Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.**

**- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SAME GOALS**

**- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE THAT PRODUCE REAL CONNECTION.**

**Hebrews 10:25 - And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.**

**COVID DESTROYED CONNECTIONS, COMMUNITY MUST RESTORE THEM.**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:**

**RUINED, RESURRECTED & RESTORED**

**1. JOSEPH WAS SURE OF HIS OWN IDENTITY.**

**"I am Joseph who you sold into slavery"**

**MY STRUGGLES WITH ME CREATE MY CHALLENGES WITH OTHERS.**

**Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied, "You must love the lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'**

**Matthew 22:38 This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**Matthew 22:39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**

**Matthew 22:40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”**

## **2. JOSEPH WAS SURE OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.**

**"GOD IS THE ONE WHO SENT ME"**

**Psalms 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.**

**The world and all its people belong to him.**

**Psalms 24:2 For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.**

## **3. JOSEPH WAS SURE OF HIS OWN PURPOSE/CALLING.**

**LOVE HIS BROTHERS**

**FEED HIS FAMILY**

**FEED THE NATIONS**

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