

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) Mar 02.....Gen 28..... Responding with Faith
- 2) Mar 09..... Gen 29-31..... God's Faithfulness
- 3) Mar 16..... Gen 32-33..... Growing Spiritually through Crisis
- 4) Mar 23..... John 20; 1Cor 15..... Easter
- 5) Mar 30..... Gen 34-36..... Commitment
- 6) Apr 06..... Gen 37-38..... Dealing with Hatred
- 7) Apr 13..... Gen 39:1-20..... Temptation
- 8) Apr 20..... Gen 39:21-40:23..... When all Hope seems lost
- 9) Apr 27..... Gen 41..... Challenging Tasks
- 10) May 04..... Gen 42..... **Broken Relationships**
- 11) May 11..... Gen 43-45..... Reconciliation
- 12) May 18..... Gen 46-47:26..... Making Major Life Adjustments
- 13) May 25..... Gen 47:27-50:26..... Remain Faithful

INTRODUCTION

- Joseph conceals his identity from his brothers Why?
 - ♦ To get even somehow? Or to reconcile somehow?
 - ♦ Was it a sin for him to conceal the truth?

Passage	Comments
42:1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob sends 10 sons to Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jacob probably had 100s of servants and hired hands to feed, along with all of his herds ♦ It would take a small army to head off to Egypt and haul back enough supplies to feed everyone and everything for months to come. ♦ If Jacob gave tons of money to his servants to buy grain, they may leave & never come back ♦ So, Jacob had to send as many of his sons as he could - He only held one son back – Benjamin
42:6-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph conceals his identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Any issues with such deception/lying? ♦ What is the difference between this type of deception and the deception that caused Ananias and Sapphira to fall down dead in Acts 5? ♦ Isn't lying, lying? ♦ Over 90 passages about lying in the OT – sometimes lying seems good, other times - not
Some Major OT Lies Which ones are Good?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 It begins in the Garden with the serpent lying to Eve Gen 3 2 Abraham & Sarah lie to Egyptians and to Abimilech – and are blessed 3 Isaac & Rebekah deceive Abimilech and are blessed 4 Rebekah & Jacob deceive Isaac 5 Laban deceives Jacob with Leah 6 Rachel deceives her dad about idols 7 Jacob's sons deceive the town of Shechem to destroy it 8 Jacob's sons deceive him re. Joseph 9 Hebrew midwives lied to Pharaoh and reaped blessings/houses from God Ex 1: 15-21 10 Rahab lies about the 2 spies, and she saves her family & becomes an ancestor of JC Josh 2 11 King David feigned insanity to protect his life – and is successful..... 1Sam 21:13 12 King David lies about Bethsheba to save his reputation – and ruins his life..... 2 Sam 11 13 God sends a lying spirit to deceive King Ahab, & God's will is accomplished... 1King 22:19-22 14 Want to live long? Don't tell lies Ps 34:12,13 15 Israel becomes a nation of liars..... Mic 6:12

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Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems OK to conceal the truth for a higher purpose – not to harm, not to achieve gain – but to protect lives seems to be the differentiator from malicious lying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Prov 26:28 A lying tongue hates those it crushes
42:15-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test – bring back your younger brother <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Joseph changes his approach from sending 1 and holding 9 to sending 9 and holding 1 Why? ♦ Sometimes rash decisions need time to be re-assessed
42:21-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The brothers equate their dilemma to their mistreatment of Joseph more than 20 years before • Joseph learns that Reuben tried to bring reason into the situation • Therefore, Simeon was chosen to stay behind
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes the most unreasonable people have moments of extra-ordinary reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Reuben – who slept with his Dad's 4th wife (Bilhah – Gen 35:22), tried to keep his brothers from killing Joseph
42:25-35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sons return home and recant events to their Dad
42:36-38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob's response – cut our losses short and lose no more sons

CONCLUSION / APPLICATION FOR TODAY

- If you are ever caught in a situation where you need to lie to save an innocent victim from death (e.g., hiding Jews during Nazi hunts), don't fret too much about it
- If you are ever caught in a situation where hasty or untruthful words slip out of your mouth to cover up an indiscretion on your part – take time to deliberate and make things right (Prov 12:18)

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

Pr 12:18 There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing.

NEXT WEEKJoseph reveals his identity

