“God Preserves a Remnant”

Bible Study Nuggets

Monday- “A Famine in Canaan”

(Genesis 42:1-5)- God is always working behind the scenes for our good. Warning comes before destruction. We should always lead and depend on Jesus. During the famine, Joseph was in the right place where and when God had him placed.

Tuesday- “Joseph Recognized his brothers

(Genesis 42:6-17)- Genesis tells us where we come from and the beginning. God gives us a lot of instruction and guides us along the way. This was God’s plan, God’s time and God’s glory. Joseph tests his brothers. Now Joseph rules over Egypt and he distributes the food. His brothers come to him, and they bow down to him, they do not recognize him. Jacob was 17 years old when they last saw him. Joseph does not know whether to trust his brothers yet, so he calls them spies. They advised that they are honest men while continuing to advise that their brother Joseph is no more. Joseph advises that one of them must go back home and bring the back the other brother (Benjamin). Joseph imprisons all of them until they decide which is going to go home. He wants to see if they have changed and if they will tell the truth. Jesus tests our spiritual growth.

Wednesday- “Paying the Penalty

(Genesis 42:18-25)- Joseph was an honest man. Everything Joseph did he did it according to the will of God. When Joseph’s brothers wanted to kill him only Reuban tried to save him. When you do wrong, the wrong does not go away on its own, we must repent. Joseph’s brothers thought they could do wrong and get away with it. Famine does not take God by surprise. When we as Christians have Jesus in our lives we can forgive and forget the sins that others have commented against us.

Thursday- “Hold me Accountable

(Genesis 43:1-14)-By the time Joseph’s brothers returned home without Simeon; they advised what happened in Egypt to their father. When they opened their bags of grains, they realized that the money that they gave to purchase the grain was still in the bags. At that time, Jacob their father sees his sons as incompetent. Jacob says that Benjamin is not going. Jacob tells them a year later to go back to Egypt to get more grains. Jacob wants to know why they must take Benjamin back with them. The incompetent sons answer that the Egyptian asks specific questions. Judah says we must take Benjamin and if anything should happen to him, to hold him accountable. The brothers left again but this time with Benjamin. Jacobs ends by saying Lord hold me accountable if something happens to my children.

Friday- “Benjamin Detained in Egypt

(Genesis 44:1-13)-Joseph knew that the cup would be in the bag of grain. Joseph took it even closer, when it came to Benjamin. God always refines us. God keeps drawing our hearts because he loves us so much. We see the love of God in the story of Joseph. God knows what’s best for us.

Saturday- “A Father’s Suffering”

(Genesis 44:24-34)- Judah’s plea for Benjamin. After all the years that passed, they saw their father mourn over Joseph, they could not imagine how losing Benjamin would affect their father. Joseph’s brothers had a change in heart now when it came to their brother Benjamin. Judah’s heart changed over time, and he is more remorseful as well as regretful regarding the hurt he caused his father. The brothers did not want to see the agony and hurt of their father again.