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**MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT**  
**Lesson # 5**

**“Dealing with Injustice”**

Have you ever felt rejected; treated unfairly? Have you ever felt that wrong had been done unto you, or to someone that you may know, which was unreasonable and undeserved?

We cannot deny that life is full of injustices. Life is not always fair. People don't always treat you or others fairly. Sometimes we end up on the receiving end of undeserved hurt. **Bottom Line:** Sometimes people will receive, that which they do not deserve.

I want to introduce you to two friends of mine, who did not deserve what they received. I asked myself, “What lessons can I learn from my two friends?”

**I. Jesus**

Let's look at one of the **most repeated** passages in the New Testament. And a “vital” question that you must ask yourself is, “**Why does God keep repeating Himself?**”

**1). Matthew 21:42-** Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders **rejected** (Contemporary English Version- **tossed aside**), the same **is become the head of the corner**: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

**2). Mark 12:10-** And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders **rejected** (Good News Translation- **rejected as worthless**)-**is become the head of the corner**:

In other words, these people did not place much value on Jesus' life.

3). **Luke 20:17**- And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders **rejected**, the same **is become the head** of the corner?

4). **Acts 4:11**- This is the stone which was set at **nought** (Amplified Version- **despised and rejected**), of you builders, which **is become the head** of the corner.

5). **I Peter 2:7**- Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders **disallowed** (Amplified Version- **rejected**), the same **is made the head** of the corner,

6). **Psalm 118:22 (Old Testament)**- The stone which the builders **refused is become the head** stone of the corner.

**\*\*\*\*\* Whenever you find a passage that is repeated multiple times in the bible, be aware that God really wants you to know something!!!**

**QUESTION:** What is it that God wants us to know?

Jesus received what **He DID NOT** deserve. He dealt with and experienced rejection, mistreatment and injustice.

**LESSON # 1-** The one who is **rejected** by man, is **chosen** by (and very **important** to) God.

1). **I Peter 2:7; 9- 7** Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed (rejected), the same is made the head of the corner, <sup>9</sup> But ye are a **chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a **peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called** you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

In an unjust generation, God always **chooses** certain people, to bring light to a demonically dark world.

**LESSON # 2-** Jesus' unjust death, improved life for millions of others. His dying was not in vain.

2). **Luke 23:31-** For if they do these things in a **green** tree, what shall be done in the **dry**?

Jesus said, ".....To this end I was born, and for this cause came I into the world...."

**LESSON # 3-** God knows exactly how you feel.

1). **Isaiah 53:3-** He is **despised** and **rejected** *of men*; a man of **sorrows**, and acquainted with **grief**: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was **despised**, and we **esteemed** him **not**.

God knows how every parent feels, whose child has been mistreated, killed, or murdered. He personally knows the pain.

2). **Hebrews 4:15- (Amplified Version)-** For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to **sympathize** *and understand* our weaknesses *and* temptations, but One who has been tempted [**knowing exactly how it feels to be human**] in every respect as *we are, yet* without [committing any] sin.

**QUESTION:** Where is God, in the midst of criminal, homicidal, unjust treatment?

He is sitting on the same throne that He was sitting on when His son was mistreated. He not only **knows** your pain, but is prepared to **do something about your pain**.

## II. Joseph

This is my other friend who did not deserve what he received. He also experienced injustice.

During my youth, I once observed a person receive a “**gut-punch**”. I had seen it done many times on television while watching westerns, where one cowboy would “**gut-punch**” another cowboy. But this time I saw it upfront.

A “**gut-punch**” is something unexpected that takes your breath away. The devil specializes in “**gut-wrenching**” events.

Let’s take note of this from the life of Joseph.

- **Gut-Punch # 1-** His brothers **hated** him.

Joseph’s brothers were envious and jealous of him. They treated him unfairly.

1). **Genesis 37:4-5;8-** <sup>4</sup>And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they **hated** him, and could **not** speak **peaceably** unto him. <sup>5</sup>And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they **hated** him yet the **more**. <sup>8</sup>And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they **hated** him yet the **more** for his dreams, and for his words.

No one wants to be hated, but these situations should motivate us to stand up against injustice.

- **Gut-Punch # 2-** His brothers secretly plotted against him.

1). **Genesis 37:18-20-** <sup>18</sup>And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they **conspired against him** to **slay** him. <sup>19</sup>And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. <sup>20</sup>Come now therefore, and let us **slay** him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

Many times, what those who plot against you fail to **understand**, is that God's power will enable you to **stand**:

a). **Isaiah 54:17**- **No weapon** that is formed **against** thee shall prosper; and **every** tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the **heritage** of the servants of the LORD, and their **righteousness** is of **me**, saith the LORD.

b). **Romans 8:31**- What shall we then say to these things? If (since) God be **for** us, **who** can be **against** us?

God is the author and the finisher of your destiny not man. Rest assured that whatever good work that He has begun in you, He will complete and finish it.

c). **Philippians 1:6**- Being **confident** of this very thing, that he which hath **begun** a **good work** in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

- **Gut-Punch # 3**- His brothers threw him into an empty well hoping that he would die.

They tried to push Joseph *down*, but God lifted him *up*.

1). **Genesis 37:22-24**- <sup>22</sup>And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but **cast** him into this **pit** that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again. <sup>23</sup>And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; <sup>24</sup>And they took him, and **cast** him into a **pit**: and the **pit** was empty, there was no water in it.

Joseph certainly must have felt all alone. The uncertainties of life often cause us to feel isolated. One of Satan's main objectives is for you to feel like no one is there for you; neither does anyone understand your situation.

But, when you don't **understand**, find somewhere to **stand**:

a). **Hebrews 13:5b**- "...I will **never leave** thee, **nor forsake** thee.

Joseph's earthly brothers certainly forsook him. But what they failed to understand was that Joseph had "another" brother:

b). **Proverbs 18:24-** A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a **friend** that sticketh **closer** than a **brother**.

Know this Mount Pisgah: When life's injustices show up, you're NEVER alone.

- **Gut-Punch # 4-** His brothers sold him into **slavery**.

Our ancestors knew of this first-hand.

1). **Genesis 37:25-28-** <sup>25</sup> And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to **Egypt**. <sup>26</sup> And Judah said unto his brethren, What **profit** is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, and let us **sell** him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content<sup>28</sup> Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and **sold** Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt..

On the surface Joseph's life seem to be spiraling out of control. But an *invisible* hand was actually going before him. What Joseph would certainly come to learn and know, was that he was surrounded by invisible protection.

a). **Isaiah 45:2-** I will go **before** thee, and make the **crooked** places **straight**: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

b). **Psalm 34:7-** The angel of the LORD encampeth **round about** them that fear Him, and **delivereth** them.

At times it is truly hard to believe that God is working things out for our good. Whenever you can't "**figure it out**", you must "**faith it out**". Be certain that all of the promises of God are yea, and in Him Amen (**II Corinthians 1:20**)

- **Gut-Punch # 5-** Joseph was falsely accused.

1). **Genesis 39:7; 10; 12-15-** <sup>7</sup>And it came to pass after these things, that his **master's wife** cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, **Lie** with me. <sup>10</sup>And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he **hearkened not** unto her, to **lie** by her, or to be with her. <sup>12</sup>And she caught him by his garment, saying, **Lie** with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and **fled**, and got him out. <sup>13</sup>And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, <sup>14</sup>That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to **mock** us; he came in unto me to **lie** with me, and I cried with a loud voice: <sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

Just when you thought that life could not get any worst.....it does! Have you ever experienced a “**double whammy?**” At times, satan will throw more than one fiery dart your way. When we find ourselves having to juggle multiple problems, one comfort that we can find is in a promise that God made nearly 2000 years ago:

a). **I Corinthians 10:13-** There hath **no** temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will **not** suffer you to be tempted **above** that ye are **able**; but will with the temptation also make a way to **escape**, that ye may be able to **bear** it.

- **Gut-Punch # 6-** He was thrown into prison.

1). **Genesis 39:20-** And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the **prison**, a place where the king's **prisoners** were **bound**: and he was there in the **prison**.

When dealing with the injustices of life, often the proverbial “bottom will fall out”. This colossal unexpected event must have buckled Joseph to his knees. Joseph needed a double-knee replacement!!!

- **Gut-Punch # 7-** Joseph was forgotten by the chief butler.

1) **Genesis 40:14-15; 23-** <sup>14</sup>But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew **kindness**, I pray thee, unto me, and **make mention** of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: <sup>15</sup>For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I

done **nothing** that they should put me into the dungeon. <sup>23</sup>Yet **did not** the chief butler remember Joseph, but **forgot** him.

Seven is the number of completions in the Bible. God will allow satan to “test” your faith. Upon completion of a test, promotion will always follow. Graduation day will come Mount Pisgah.

a). **Genesis 41:14: 38-41; 43-** <sup>14</sup>Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily **out** of the **dungeon**: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. <sup>38</sup>And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as **this** is, a man in whom the **Spirit of God** is? <sup>39</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is **none** so discreet and **wise** as thou art: <sup>40</sup>Thou shalt be **over** my house, and according unto **thy** word shall all my people be **ruled**: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. <sup>41</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee **over** all the land of Egypt. <sup>43</sup>And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him **ruler** over all the land of Egypt.

One day God’s promises showed up at the door to Joseph’s jail cell. And God opened up that door which no man could shut. Since God is no respecter of persons, He will do the same for you. Again, when you don’t **understand**, you must find a place to **stand**. That solid foundation should be the **Word of God**.

b). **Revelation 3:8**- I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an **open door, and no man can shut it**: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

**OVERALL POINT: A child of God cannot be stopped.**

