

Joseph

(Genesis 37-50)

- Introduction:
1. People sometimes ask how you can keep preaching from becoming boring because you tell the same stories over and over again.
 2. Well, the Bible is an inexhaustible supply of truths waiting to be applied.
 3. And by telling a familiar story from a different angle or perspective, you see an entire new application.
 4. Such is the case with the story of Joseph.
 5. This morning, I want us to consider an application that is seldom addressed with examining this story.

I. Background

- A. Joseph is a favored son of Jacob and his brothers hate him because of it (Gen. 37:4).
- B. Consequently, his brothers sell him into slavery (Gen. 37:19-28).
- C. Once sold into slavery, Joseph is later imprisoned (Gen. 38:20).
- D. While in prison, Joseph interprets the King's dream and is elevated to "Second-in-Command in Egypt (Gen. 41:40).
- E. Once in command, Joseph is reunited with his brothers (Gen. 42:6-7).
- F. Joseph then brings his father and brothers and their families to live with them in Goshen (Gen. 47:5-6).

II. Lessons From This Account

- A. The typical lessons from this account are lessons on:
 1. Providence.
 2. Faithfulness.
 3. Forgiveness.
- B. However the lesson I want to learn from this account today comes from a statement made in Genesis 44:16 and Genesis 42:21-22.
- C. "God has found out the iniquity of your servants..."
 1. These brothers could not escape their guilt!
 2. Their guilt robbed them of peace with God (Psalm 32:1-2).
 3. Their guilt robbed them of peace within (Psalm 32:3-4).
 4. Their guilt was released when they finally confessed (Psalm 32:5).

- Conclusion:
1. What about your life?
 2. Are you haunted by guilt?
 3. Good! But don't stay that way for long.