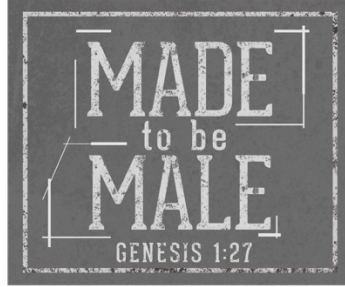


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FORGETTING OUR PAST

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

TRUTH: To never forget prohibits breaking free from past hurts, because I need to first forgive and then forget the past.

I. A SAD DYSFUNCTIONAL BIBLICAL FAMILY

TRUTH: The story of Jacob and Joseph teaches that even godly families can be dysfunctional.

*Family Dysfunction #1: Jacob loved one child above the rest.

*Family Dysfunction #2: Jacob showed preferential favor by giving Joseph a coat of many colors.

*Family Dysfunction #3: All the brothers hated Joseph, causing verbal and emotional abuse. Jacob (Genesis 37:11) "kept the matter in mind."

INSIGHT: We can be a God-follower and ignorantly be the cause of our own trouble.

II. SIN UNCHECKED INTENSIFIES (Genesis 37:12-35).

TRUTH: God intends that we see our life story in the life of Joseph.

INSIGHT: Joseph believed God had good planned for him, but every life turn ended in pain, and his family sin started it all.

III. THE POWER OF LETTING GO

INSIGHT: There wasn't a single time Joseph doubted God's plan to bless him.

TRUTH: Joseph forgot all that happened to him; Joseph forgot people who did it to him; Joseph's forgetting was a grace gift from God.

INVITATION:

1. Sir, Joseph stayed true to God... have you?
2. Sir, Joseph trusted God with everything... have you?
3. Sir, will you today forget past hurts?
4. Sir, will you today release people who hurt you?