SURVIVING FAMILY CONFLICT

GENESIS
45:1-15, 24

"If we devalue one another, we eventually dishonor one another. If we dishonor one another, then dissension grows between us. When dissension escalates destruction becomes inevitable." **– Someone Wise**

God doesn't always change our circumstances, but He changes our _____!

The Bible gives Christians _____ on how to deal with our unique confrontations and conflicts!

Family conflict is a condition of a _____ world!

Genesis 4:1-8

Matthew 22:34–40 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. [35] One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: [36] "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" [37] **Jesus replied:** " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

2 Corinthians 5:18–19 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us **the ministry of reconciliation:** [19] that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us **the message of reconciliation.**

We must practice reconciliation …
1. By maintaining a God _____ perspective on life! – V. 4-8

Joseph accepted …

1) The _____ of God in his Life!

What made Joseph _____ in all of this was his trust in the providence of God!

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

God uses the _____ response to adversities to bring about the sanctification of our offenders!

2) The _____ of God in his life!

Joseph's faith, even in the darkest of hours, brought prosperity and _____ to others!

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

In preparation for Communion:

Mark 14:22 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

Mark 14:23–24 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. [24] "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

As bearers of the gospel, we are to model His love for _____!

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.