

THE ECHO OF YOUR LIFE

FUTURE FAMILY, PART 5

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1. Joseph and his brothers

- **Joseph lived his life as if God was _____ him, even when it seemed like God had abandoned him.**
- **He did the _____ thing, in spite of the fact that right things weren't happening.**

The Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

Genesis 39:21

“Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.”

Genesis 41:39

So Israel's (Jacob's) sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also. Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them...

Genesis 42:5–7

2. Esau and Jacob

Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

Genesis 27:41

Then the Lord said to Jacob, “Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.”

Genesis 31:3

Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear.

He himself went on ahead... and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. “Who are these with you?” he asked. Jacob answered, “They are the children God has graciously given your servant.”

Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down. Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.

Genesis 33:1–7

Joseph did for them what Esau had long ago done for him... he showed mercy.

Conclusion

- **Actions don't merely speak louder than words; they echo into the next generation.**
- **Your kids and grandkids will tell their stories, and you will be part of them, whether directly or indirectly.**
- **They will remember very little of what we say. They will forget very little of who we are and what we do.**
- **Our clearest messages are sent in times of crisis, by the decisions we make under pressure.**
- **We determine what our kids will look back on. While we cannot determine their responses, we can determine our examples.**

Question

Actions don't simply speak louder than words; they echo into the next generation...

So what will echo from your life?