



The Echo

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Biblical Family Echo [See Genesis 25-50]

1. Brother battle - _____

When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him... "Come on, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, 'A wild animal has eaten him.'" **Genesis 37:18, 20 NLT**

The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.

Genesis 39:2 NLT

But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the LORD made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.

Genesis 39:21 NLT

"Therefore, Pharaoh should find an intelligent and wise man and put him in charge of the entire land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh should appoint supervisors over the land and let them collect one-fifth of all the crops during the seven good years. Have them gather all the food produced in the good years that are just ahead and bring it to Pharaoh's storehouses. Store it away, and guard it so there will be food in the cities. That way there will be enough to eat when the seven years of famine come to the land of Egypt. Otherwise this famine will destroy the land." **Genesis 41:33-36 NLT**

2. Another brother battle - _____

The LORD answered Isaac's prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins. But the two children struggled with each other in her womb. So she went to ask the LORD about it. "Why is this happening to me?" she asked. And the LORD told her, "The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; and your older son will serve your younger son."

Genesis 25:19-23 NLT

Then Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his 400 men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and his two servant wives. He put the servant wives and their children at the front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last. Then Jacob went on ahead. As he approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.

Genesis 33:1-4 NLT

3. Revenge or Forgive - _____

He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Genesis 45:4-5 NRSV

Next Steps:

- I realize how important my choices are and that my family will echo many of my good and bad decisions
- I commit to live my life for God and to teach my family to honor him by my example
- I will read the Joseph story (Genesis 37-50)
- I will pray and invite my non-churched friends to Stepping Stones
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