
NOTES:

RESOLUTION OPTIONS

1. I will recount spiritual or psychological wounds from my past that I have not dealt with and will bring them to a priest or counselor for advice on how to deal with them.
2. I will offer up a fast or go to mass with week praying for the intention for the Lord to reveal areas of my wife's life that are in need of healing.
3. I will write a letter of apology to someone I have wounded.
4. I will discuss & re-assess with my wife the methods of punishment we use in our home.
5. I will make an extra sacrifice this week for a family member who is in need.
6. I will reach out to a sibling who is in need, but is too prideful to ask for help.
7. I will discuss with my wife how we can anonymously help a charity or organization that is in great need.
8. I will teach my children about anonymously giving by reading and explaining to them *Matthew 6:1-3*.

MY RESOLUTION

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**"...JOSEPHS BROTHERS CAME, AND BOWED
THEMSELVES BEFORE HIM..."**
- GENESIS 42:6

OPENING PRAYER

JOSEPH PROFITS ISRAEL

RESOLUTIONS

PSALM 36

GENESIS 42

PRAYER PARTNERS

PSALM 36

- ¹ Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart;
there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- ² For he flatters himself in his own eyes
that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
- ³ The words of his mouth are mischief and deceit;
he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
- ⁴ He plots mischief while on his bed;
he sets himself in a way that is not good; he spurns not evil.
- ⁵ Your mercy, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God,
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.
- ⁷ How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.
- ¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!
- ¹¹ Let no the foot of arrogance come upon me,
nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- ¹² There the evildoers lie prostrate,
they are thrust down, unable to rise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

JOSEPH PROFITS ISRAEL GENESIS 42

1. Joseph's dream is fulfilled, but his brothers do not realize it. How does Joseph make use of their ignorance? What does Joseph learn from his brothers during the course of his accusation of them as spies?
2. Joseph initially imprisons all of the brothers; ultimately, however, he only retains one in prison. How does Joseph appear when he releases nine out of ten brothers? Have you ever been punished "less severely" than was possible? How might Joseph's example inform your own methods of consequences and punishments?
3. What evidence is there that the crimes against Joseph still haunt the brothers? How does Joseph respond to their regret? How long do family wounds remain in the heart? How can long-term wounds be addressed and healed?
4. How does Joseph use his power in Egypt to profit the children of Israel? Is Joseph's assistance public or hidden? Who do the sons credit for the extra money? Is Joseph's favor "just"? How might Joseph's example inform your use of influence on behalf of your family? On behalf of your religion?