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# BUT GOD

A STUDY OF THE  
LIFE OF JOSEPH

"THE PRICELESS VALUE OF  
A CLEAR CONSCIENCE"

GENESIS 41:45 – 42:38

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**Introduction:** The apostle Paul told Timothy that the two necessities for the Christian life are “Faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith” (1 Timothy 1:19). As the dramatic life of Joseph continues to unfold, we will discover the extreme measures God will employ to activate a conscience that has become hardened over the years.

**I. Portrait Of A Clear Conscience: Joseph** (Genesis 41:45-57)

Genesis 41:45 “Then Pharaoh named Joseph Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On, as his wife. And Joseph went forth over the land of Egypt.”

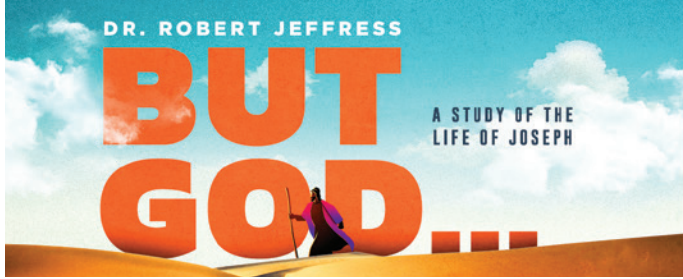
**II. Portrait Of A Guilty Conscience: Joseph’s Brothers** (Genesis 42:1-38)

Genesis 41:57 “The people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.”

**A. Adversity** (Genesis 42:1-11)

Genesis 42:1 “Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, ‘Why are you staring at one another?’”

Genesis 42:6 “Now Joseph was the ruler over the land; he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed down to him with their faces to the ground.”



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### B. Embarrassment (Genesis 42:12-13)

Genesis 42:12 “Yet he [Joseph] said to them [the brothers], ‘No, but you have come to look at the undefended parts of our land!’”

Genesis 42:13 “But they said, ‘Your servants are twelve brothers in all, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest is with our father today, and one is no longer alive.’”

### C. Realization (Genesis 42:14-23)

Genesis 42:14 “Joseph said to them, ‘It is as I said to you, you are spies;’”

Genesis 42:21 “Then they said to one another, ‘Truly we are guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not listen; therefore, this distress has come upon us.’”

### D. Grace (Genesis 42:24-38)

Genesis 42:25 “Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain and to restore every man’s money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. And thus it was done for them.”

Genesis 42:28 “Then he said to his brothers, ‘My money has been returned, and behold, it is even in my sack.’ And their hearts sank, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, ‘What is this that God has done to us?’”

Conclusion