

Genesis – “The Pinnacles of Our Faith-Walk”

Genesis 45

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Again, and again, God is **FAITHFUL!** He’s NOT a bully but He is committed to leading us to opportunities to reorient our perspective . . . to place before us mountain peaks, pinnacles, which we can choose to either conquer by trust/faith or to shrink back and avoid. One leads to greater faith, to growth! The other puts us on a track of re-facing the faith/trust issue yet again – sooner or later. Remember, the crucible plays no favorites! He is faithfully committed to our Christlikeness! May we join with Him by “in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Again (and again), how we choose to respond to life’s trials reveals:

1) _____ we are; and, 2) _____ we are!

Context: Joseph, “the man”, is about to reveal his true identity to his brothers, “Da Boyz”. Each member of the family has had their own struggles and response-choices to make ~ Joseph, sold into slavery; Reuben, Simeon and others regarding the Shechemite ordeal and dealing with Joseph; Judah’s part with Joseph, Jacob and Benjamin. And now . . . the revealing, unveiling and guilt! The 22 year old lie

Genesis 45:1-15

V.2

Vs.5,7,8

Vs.10-13

Vs.14-15

Vs.16-17

We choose to either conquer by faith or

Vs.16-20

Vs.21-28

The pinnacles of faith are the result of our faith-walk and faith-journey. In mountain climbing, you only look back as you rest or need encouragement to go forward. To constantly look “around” distracts you from what is ahead and “how” to scale it. Our faith-walk is seeing our circumstances *through the lens of God’s faithfulness* only then can we see clearly to forge forward “keeping our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith”. After we summit the pinnacle can we look back and see the faithfulness, provision and strengthening from our LORD ~ THEN we understand His worthiness, His promises realized!

- What pinnacle of life lie ahead for you?
- Are you a conqueror in Christ or a slave to fear?

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?