

## **THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS**

### **Genesis 37 (Series #1)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on “**The School of Hard Knocks**”. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What person in Genesis has the most chapters given to his life story?
2. Romans 15:4 tells us what two things about the Old Testament?
  - a. God wrote it for our \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God wants to use it to \_\_\_\_\_ us.
3. Based on the Greek word, “nouthesian”, we see that God wants to use the Old Testament in our lives as I \_\_\_\_\_, E \_\_\_\_\_, and W \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Joseph’s father was who?
5. The name Jacob means what?
6. God changed Jacob’s name to what?
7. What does the name “Israel” mean?
8. Who was Jacob’s father and grandfather?
9. What two chapters in Genesis tell us about God’s unconditional covenant with Abraham?
10. What were the names of Jacob’s two wives?
11. How many sons did Jacob have?
12. Jacob’s main problem as a father was that he was what?
13. In Genesis 37:1-5, we see Joseph had what shortcomings:
  - a. Verse 2-he was a T \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Verse 3-he was F \_\_\_\_\_ and probably spoiled.
  - c. Verse 5-he was \_\_\_\_\_ (as evidenced by a lack of discernment)
14. What do all of us have as part of our character?

15. What action by Joseph showed his immaturity, lack of wisdom, and lack of discernment?
16. Proverbs 27:2 tells us to do what?
17. To a man, what is one of the greatest enemies to his family?
18. Jacob didn't teach Joseph to do what?
19. When Jacob gave Joseph the full length robe it was a way of saying what?
20. What did Joseph's brothers do to him when he came out to the field?
21. A crippled slave was priced at how many pieces of silver?
22. What did the brothers do that showed the depth of their hatred of Joseph?
23. Reuben's main concern was for who?
24. Fill in the blanks: "Then they sold him into slavery, then they had to \_\_\_\_\_ to cover their sin, then they willfully brought deep grief to their \_\_\_\_\_, and then they had to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth and nagging doubts about Joseph for years."
25. What lesson about sin's consequences, can we learn from this story?
26. Why did Jesus say to pluck out your eye, or cut off your hand?
27. According to Philippians 1:6, God is committed to continue His work in the Christian to bring them to what?
28. T or F: It is possible to have glorious experience and then be spiritually mature.
29. Pastor Bryan's exhortation to you is to be what three things:
  - a. T \_\_\_\_\_ before God.
  - b. Open to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Be eager to recognize areas of needed \_\_\_\_\_.

30. What are some ways the life of Joseph parallels the life of Jesus?

31. The person who has the Son has what?

32. Do you have life (eternal life)?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read Genesis 39 each day this week
- 2) How are we suppose to deal with temptation (especially sexual temptation)?

3) What are the effects or results of immorality?

4) Does obedience to God always have immediate positive results/rewards