



WATCH YOUR MOUTH – 4 of 4 **Right Where You Want Them**

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²⁵*As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.*

²⁶*Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?" ²⁷Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.*

--Genesis 37:25–27 NIV

¹*Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.*

²*The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.*

--Genesis 39:1–2 NIV

⁹*No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"*

--Genesis 39:9 NIV

²⁰*Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.*

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

--Genesis 39:20–21 NIV

¹⁴*So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.*

¹⁵*Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."*

¹⁶*"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."*

--Genesis 41:14–16 NIV

³⁷*The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. ³⁸So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"*

³⁹*Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."*

--Genesis 41:37–40 NIV

¹*When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you just keep looking at each other?" ²He continued, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die."*

--Genesis 42:1–2 NIV

⁶Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. ⁷As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he asked. "From the land of Canaan," they replied, "to buy food."
--Genesis 42:6-7 NIV

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE POWER AND **YOUR WORDS** DETERMINE THE **DESTINY OF YOUR ENEMY?**

THE **ANSWER** TO THAT QUESTION **DEPENDS** ON **WHAT YOU DID** WITH YOUR **BITTERNESS AND ANGER**.

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.
--Genesis 45:1 NIV

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.
--Genesis 45:3 NIV

¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.
¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.
--Genesis 50:18-21 NIV

WILL YOU PAY THEM BACK OR WILL YOU **USE THOSE WORDS TO PAVE THE WAY FORWARD?**