

THE NEXT GENERATION Figuring Out Family – Part 5

“The Lord was with him; he showed kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.” Genesis 39:21 (NIV)

*“5 So Israel’s (Jacob’s) sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also. 6 Now 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. 7 As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them...”
Genesis 42:5-7 (NIV)*

“41 Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, ‘The days of mourning for my father are near, then I will kill my brother Jacob.’” Genesis 27:41 (NIV)

*“Then the Lord said to Jacob, ‘Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.’”
Genesis 31:3 (NIV)*

“1 Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with four hundred men; so, he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. 2 He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and the only son named Joseph in the rear. 3 He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. 4 But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. 5 Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. ‘Who are these with you?’ he asked. Jacob answered, ‘These are the children God has graciously given your servant.’ 6 Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down. 7 Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.” Genesis 33:1-7 (NIV)

Key Truth #1: We determine what our kids will look back on. While we cannot determine their **RESPONSES**, we can determine our **EXAMPLES**.

Key Truth #2: Our kids will remember very little of what we say. They will forget very little of **WHO** we are and what we **DO**.

QUESTION TO THINK ABOUT: Parents, what would you do **DIFFERENTLY** if you fully realized that your children are taking their cues from you?

BOTTOM LINE: Actions don’t simply speak louder than words; they **IMPACT** and **INFLUENCE** the next generation.