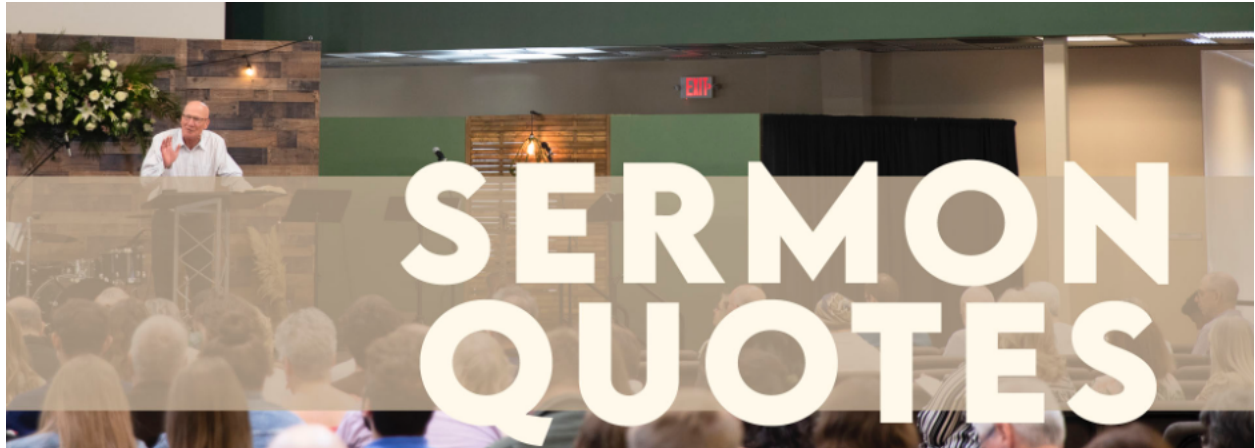




“Joseph appears to be an unlikeable character: he is immature...In short, the narrator sketches the young Joseph as a fool; he is unwise (this will change later).” —Sidney Greidanus

“Joseph was being tested, refined and matured; he was being taught during his spell as a slave, and in prison, to stay himself upon God, to remain cheerful and charitable in frustrating circumstances, and to wait patiently for the Lord.” —J. I. Packer

“Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them.” —Genesis 42:7

**“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive, as we had during the war.”
—C.S. Lewis**

“Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.” —Genesis 41:57

**“Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. ‘For,’ he said, ‘God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father’s house.’
—Genesis 41:51**

“The remarkable message of the narrative is that Joseph has already forgiven his brothers of the evil they had done to him.”

—John Sailhamer

“...there is none so discerning and wise as you are.” —Genesis 41:39

“At first sight the rough handling which now dominates the scene has the look of vengeance. Nothing could be more natural, but nothing could be further from the truth. Behind the harsh pose there was warm affection.” —Derek Kidner

“True guilt is a grace because it brings the guilty to seek forgiveness and repent. Joseph’s brothers were wracked with guilt that put them in the way of grace.” —Kent Hughes

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” —1 John 1:8

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” —1 John 1:9

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins...”

—1 John 2:1-2

