

The  
Character  
of

*Destiny*



# Part 9: Releasing Heart

# *A Releasing Heart:*

- **Trusts God For Justice**
- **Forgives**
- **Blesses The Undeserving**

A dramatic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a sky filled with large, dark clouds. The scene is illuminated by a low sun, creating a warm, golden-brown glow that highlights the edges of the clouds and the mountain peaks. The overall mood is contemplative and majestic.

**Trust God For Justice**

# Genesis 42

<sup>1</sup> When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?” <sup>2</sup> And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.” <sup>3</sup> So ten of Joseph’s brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt.

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# Genesis 42

<sup>4</sup> But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. <sup>5</sup> Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan

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# Genesis 42

<sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was the governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground.

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# Genesis 42

<sup>7</sup> Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” <sup>8</sup> And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

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# Genesis 42

<sup>9</sup> And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, “You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land.” <sup>10</sup> They said to him, “No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. <sup>11</sup> We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies.”

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# Genesis 42

<sup>12</sup> He said to them, “No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see.” <sup>13</sup> And they said, “We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more.” <sup>14</sup> But Joseph said to them, “It is as I said to you. You are spies.

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# Genesis 42

<sup>15</sup> By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. <sup>16</sup> Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies.” <sup>17</sup> And he put them all together in custody for three days. Trust God For Justice

# Romans 12

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

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# Romans 12

<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Trust God For Justice

A dramatic landscape of mountains and clouds at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds, some of which are illuminated from below, creating a warm, golden glow. The mountains in the foreground are dark and silhouetted against the lighter sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**Forgive**

# Genesis 42

<sup>18</sup> On the third day Joseph said to them, “Do this and you will live, for I fear God: <sup>19</sup> if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, <sup>20</sup> and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die.” And they did —  
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# Genesis 42

**21** Then they said to one another, “In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us.” **22** And Reuben answered them, “Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.”

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# Genesis 42

<sup>23</sup> They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them.

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# C.S. Lewis

*“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.”*

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Forgive

# Matthew 18

<sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

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# Matthew 18

<sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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# Genesis 42

**24** Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. **25** And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them.

Bless The Undeserving

# Matthew 5

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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