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**Secret Family Sins**

Genesis 42; 1 Timothy 5:24-25

* What were the sources of unhappiness in Jacob's family? Why wasn't their wealth making them happy?
* Read 1 Timothy 5:24-25. What secret sins were plaguing Jacob’s family (Genesis 42:21-24, 36)? How was God working?
* Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. What was the nature of Joseph's ten brothers' sorrow in Genesis 42? Does God have more work to do on them?
* What has God done to get you beyond being sorry that you got caught? What is the godly sorrow in the verse above about?
* God's Promise came to Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob, then his 12 sons. God bound Himself by His Promise. How will He work with people like Jacob and his 12 sons? How will He change them to be His people? Was the process magical, painful, quick or what?
* God’s Promise made its way to us through Jesus, a son of Jacob and Judah. How does God work with us in our difficult families?
* Will famines (desperate circumstances) still happen to us if we faithfully follow Jesus? If so, what should be the difference between our families and those who are just surviving by their wits (or lack of wits)?
* Is there hope for you and your family?