

# Heroes of the Faith

## Joseph

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### I. The *good* and *bad* of Joseph's story

A. A *son*

B. A *slave*

C. A *prince*

♦ *Retaliate*: "to repay in kind/with the same"

♦ *Reconcile*: "to restore to friendship or harmony"

### II. The response of *Jacob* and his sons

A. Retaliate: A natural response when you've been *mistreated*

1. Fear is the result of *self-centered* thoughts

(self preservation)

2. Fear is the cause of a *negative* perspective

(WCS thinking)

3. Fear produces a *resistance* to change

### III. The response of *Joseph*

A. Reconcile: A supernatural response to others based on *grace*

1. Faith is the result of *God-centered* thoughts

2. Faith is the cause of a *positive* perspective

3. Faith produces an *reconciliation* to change

### IV. Key principles to the ministry of *reconciliation*

from the life of Joseph

A. *Cultivate* faith

B. *Choose* to have an eternal perspective

C. *Keep* your heart soft

D. *Repay* evil with good

E. *Give* change a chance