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Your Story: Living well in a Twisted Plot (Life of Joseph Part 2)

Genesis 39 and Gen : 45 :1-12

As we look at the story in Genesis 39 we see that the narrator is clearly saying that God blest Joseph it was not Joseph saying this . Twice in this passage we see in Gen:39:2-3 and verse 23 the narrator tells us God was in charge of Joseph and blest him . How do you think Joseph may have felt about God being in charge of his life and God blessing him when although he was innocent yet he was thrown into prison – discuss ? Allan said “ We tend to say no one knows my life better than I do but we have to swap this over “. Discuss this what did Allen mean ? Ask who is the narrator in your life and what difference does this make to the way we live ? Note -The narrator is the omnipotent voice in your life .

Read Gen :45:1-12 and note verse 7 . Who was the narrator here and what would have been the reaction of Josephs brothers as they heard the real reason behind what they had done to Joseph ? Allan said “we need to enter into a relationship with Jesus and hear what is truethe big claim is to let the big news of God’s love to speak truth into our souls “ ?

All kinds of voices speak to us and sometimes they can be hurtful and sometimes we face a twisted plot line and wonder why is God letting this happen and you may face “ injustice and waiting “ : which can be frustrating “ ? Can you share a time when you experienced a twisted plot line and did it teach you anything ? Did it have any effect on your relationship with Jesus especially in regards to intimacy with Him and your ability to hear God speaking and your relationship and intimacy with others ?

Right to the end Joseph’s brothers were anxious [see Ch50:19] but note who was the narrator here and what is the difference with the Joseph here and the Joseph in Chapter 39 ? How had he responded to God’s voice and what can we learn about listening to God and the various narrators in our life ?