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In order to be rich, we need to suffer for a long period of time. **It took Joseph twenty years**, from the age of seventeen to the age of thirty-seven, to become rich. Eventually, after many years of suffering, the food was in his hands. Because he had the food, all the hungry ones came to him.

According to my opinion, Joseph should have been generous with the people and said, "Whenever you need food, simply come to me and I'll give it to you." When I read Genesis 47 as a young man, I thought that Joseph was not generous. It seemed to me that he squeezed everything out of the people. I praise the Lord for showing me why Joseph was not generous. The reason is **that the life supply should not be sold cheaply**...Joseph seemed to be saying to the people, "Do you want the supply? If you do, then you must pay the price." **The concept of generosity is a worldly concept**. Joseph was in another realm, where there was neither generosity nor scarcity, just the supply and the price. Many Christians today sell things cheaply. But in the Lord's recovery nothing is cheap. If you want the food, you must pay the price. The greater the price you pay, the greater supply you will receive. Some today are opposing the Lord's recovery. But **deep in their heart they know that this way is not wrong**. They oppose it because the cost of taking it is very high. Thus, they take the cheap way and criticize the costly way. We cannot receive any food supply without a cost. Joseph will not sell you the food at a cheap price.

The people who came to Joseph for food paid **four kinds of prices: their money, their cattle, their land, and themselves**...These four items cover all the prices we need to pay today. Let us now consider **what money signifies**. According to a superficial understanding, money is what we depend on. Actually, **money represents convenience**. The monetary system in this country is very convenient. In Joseph's time the people used silver. They had to carry silver with them and weigh it out when making a purchase. But today when we pay a bill, we simply write out a check for a certain amount. This is very convenient. However, when the supply in our checking account is depleted, we lose this convenience. At such a time we may worry about paying our bills. We all like to have a surplus in our checking account. But what will you do if this supply runs out?...Some are not willing to pay the price for the supply because they are concerned about losing their conveniences...But the more conveniences you give up, the more life supply you will have...

The **second item the people had to pay** for the food supply was their **cattle**. It is easy to understand what is signified by cattle. **Cattle signifies the means of our living**. Joseph's brothers were concerned about their donkeys, worried that Joseph would find some excuse to take them away. Today you may care very much about your automobile. Perhaps you are afraid that it will be stolen. If so, your automobile is your donkey. For those with a doctoral degree, their degree is their donkey. For others their position is their donkey. But Christ, the rich One, the Supplier, is here, and He is neither generous nor stingy. Although He does not want to squeeze anything out of you, for your sake He requires that you pay a price. He will never sell His supply cheaply. After you pay your money, you need to pay with your cattle. **When both our money and our cattle have been handed over to Him, we shall be restful and at peace.**

After handing over our cattle, **we need to hand over our land. The land represents our resources**. The Lord Jesus is a "robber"; He "robs" His lovers of everything. He takes our money, our cattle, and our land. He may say, "Give me your land. Do not keep the resources under your control, but hand them over to me." This is not a teaching, but an observation of what I have seen in the lives of many. Some dear ones were able to pay their money, but not their cattle. Others could give up their cattle, but not their land. Their concept was that the Lord Jesus always gives them things, but never "robs" them of things. But **the Lord Jesus in His recovery "robs" us of everything—of our convenience, our means of livelihood, and our resources.**

The last item the Lord requires is ourselves, including every aspect of our being. The Lord Jesus will claim every part of you. Have your ears been claimed by Him? If they have, you will not listen to anything other than Christ. Have your lips been claimed? If so, then they will be used differently. Has your whole being been claimed by the Lord Jesus? (Excerpts from Life-study of Genesis, ch. 120).

*Go therefore and disciple
all the nations, baptizing them
into the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
~ Matt.28:19*

Church Announcements:

1. Combined Prayer Mtg – Jan. 6 at RWPC, 1870 Albert St.
2. Bible Distribution – Jan. 9 at Luther College
3. Tax receipt issuance – early February. Please check if your code name is listed. If not, contact Sister Berly.

Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15 Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22 Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference – May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26 Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference – Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26 Anaheim CA USA

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PRAYER BURDENS:

1. Thank You, Lord, for supplying us with Your rich giving. Everything we have belongs to You. Save us from setting our hope on uncertain things, but on You, who affords us all things. May we offer back what You have given us.
2. Lord, cause us to give back what You have graciously given us, for it is better to give than to receive. We are here not to lay up treasures on the earth, but to lay up treasures in heaven.
3. Make us cheerful givers who help provide for the needs of the church, for the advancement of the gospel, and for the supply of needy saints. We are not here just to accumulate material riches for ourselves, but for Your use.
4. Lord, we want to participate in the grace and fellowship of the ministry to the saints, that we would give ourselves to You through the will of God. May our sacrifice be a well-pleasing fragrance to You.
5. Lord, have mercy on us that we may see Your principles of offering. Release our hearts from the hold of money, that we would offer ourselves to You and for the gospel. We consecrate ourselves and all that we have back to You.
6. Lord, may we all remember these few matters and apply them in our daily life (Deut. 8:18), practicing every single item—that the matter of dealing with material riches will not just pass us by, but be put into practice.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Distribution of Bibles in Europe: Please pray for the spreading of the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths in Europe for the Lord's recovery and restoration.
2. Meeting Halls in Europe: Stuttgart, Germany / Riga, Latvia / Dublin, Ireland. Please pray for the Lord's need for meeting halls in these key cities. Enrich the saints and enlarge their hearts to be faithful in their offering.

Local Burdens:

1. Pray for the purchase of the meeting hall.
2. Pray for the upcoming Bible distribution this coming January 9, 2026 at Luther & Campion College campus. Bind the enemy and make the students in these two campuses the good earth. Bring them to our table and give them a hunger for the truth and Your word.
3. Pray for the upcoming semester's college meeting. Pray that they will be brought to the home/small group meetings.
4. Pray for positive and immediate approval of the permanent resident immigration papers of Alforte and Gonzales families.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM