### How Holding On Keeps Us From Moving On

#### JACOB: A Man Defined By His Pain & His Loss

Genesis 43:1-14

# WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES Three Questions To Ask

#### (1) Why did this happen?

The question everybody asks

Was it <u>self-inflicted</u>?

2 Samuel 12:1-25/ Deuteronomy 28:15-68

Was I caught in the <u>backwash of someone else's sin</u>? Genesis 4:1-8/ Joshua 7:1-26

Was it to serve a <u>larger purpose</u>? (Job & Joseph) Genesis 45:4-11/ Job 1-2

#### (2) What should I do now?

The question we all need to ask

Embrace the pain & grief

Psalm 22:1-18 & Matthew 27:46/ Romans 12:15

Embrace your blessings

1 Thessalonians 5:18/ Philippians 4:6-8

Embrace your new normal

Joseph's example (Genesis 37-50)/ Philippians 4:12-13/ 1 Corinthians 7:17, 20 & 24

#### (3) How can I move on?

The question some people never ask

We have to quit picking at the scab

We have to trade fear for faith

2 Timothy 1:7/ Hebrews 11:6

We have to let our "Benjamin" go

Genesis 43:13-14/ I Peter 4:19

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