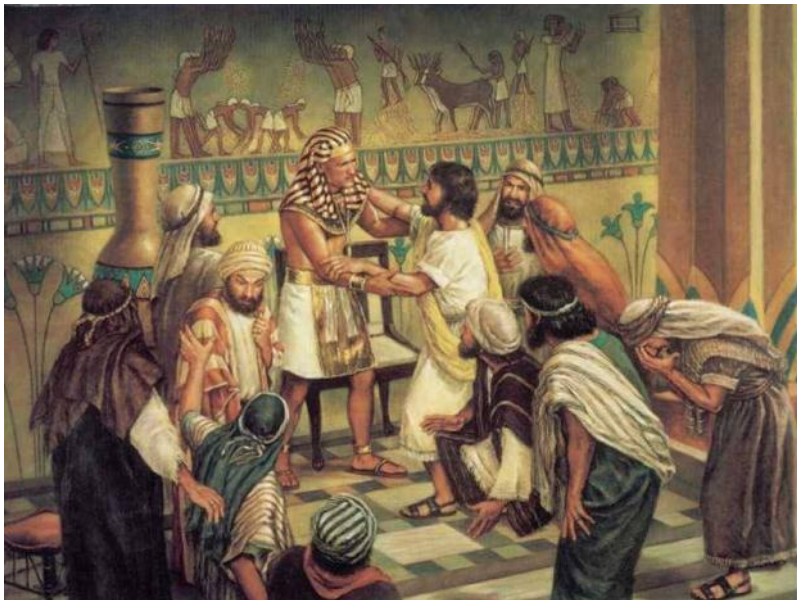


Meditation on Genesis 37-50

By Bev Kilts

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“So I thank God for the mountains, And I thank Him for the valleys, I thank Him for the storms He's brought me through. Cause if I never had a problem, I wouldn't know that He could solve them, I wouldn't know what faith in His Word could do.”



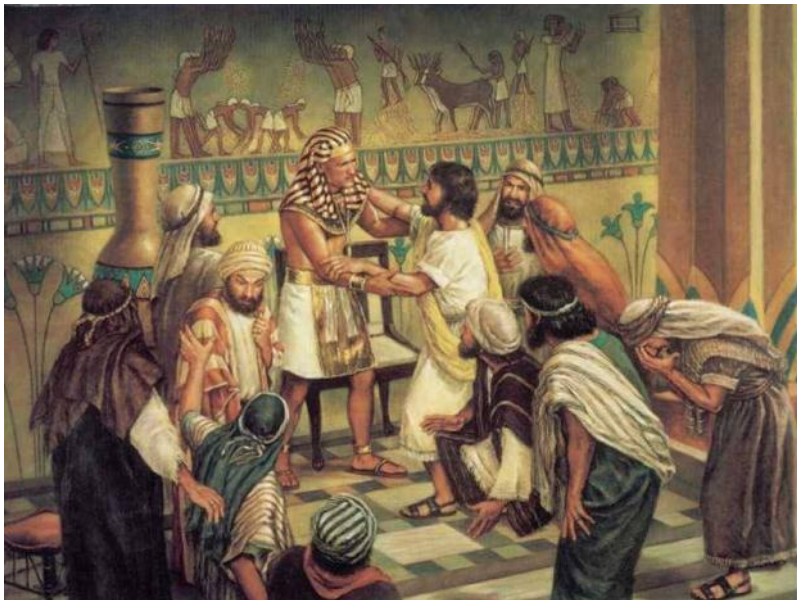
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