

Deception

Genesis 37:31-36

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***“They took the ornate robe back to their father and said,
“We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.”” (vs. 32)***

Joseph’s brother’s are clearly deceptive. Their jealousy and anger got the better of them and they acted out, selling their brother to Egypt. What they did was wrong, it was sin. Then they had a choice of what to tell their father and rather than choose honesty, they chose instead to sin again and to lie to the old man making him believe his son had been killed by a wild animal. For most of us, we have a hard time relating to the brothers in that we haven’t faked someone’s death after selling them into slavery or some similar offence and lie. Yet I can’t help but wonder if the brothers didn’t also lie to themselves. That as the years passed, they told the lie so often that it became the truth of their history for themselves.

I wonder on this day, what lies have I been telling myself. What lies have I allowed the deceiver to whisper into my spirit and have believed as truth? Is it the lie that I’m not good enough and need to do more good works to earn God’s grace? Or the lie that one of my sins is beyond God’s grace. Perhaps I’ve lied to myself about a situation or relationship in my life and how it played out, concocting a story and viewpoint that is more palatable than the truth. Jesus tells us in the gospel of John that HE is the TRUTH. When we reflect on our lives in light of HIS truth, when we spend time talking out our day to day with Jesus, then our lies are laid bare and our deceptions are named. Only then can we confess, repent, and be set free from the lies that bind us.