

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Welcome Home--Truthfulness
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Text: Genesis 42-45

Garage Cleaner #1: Healthy homes are built upon relationships of **trust** rather than **deception**.

And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land." They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies." –Genesis 42:8-11 (ESV)

Garage Cleaner #2: Healthy homes are built upon relationships of **truth** rather than **half truths**.

And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more." –Genesis 42:13 (ESV)

Garage Cleaner #3: Healthy homes are built upon relationships of **faithfulness** rather than **fear**.

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. –Genesis 45:1-3 (ESV)

Home Hope: God lets us know that He is **truth** and that we can trust His **faithfulness** to us.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life." –Genesis 45:4-5 (ESV)