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Transforming Daily
“ . . . why do you look at one another . . . ”
Genesis 42:1

All peoples in the land were desperately affected by the famine for which Joseph prepared Egypt, even the children of Israel. The situation left everyone searching far and wide for food. Jacob, Joseph's father (still supposing Joseph dead), had heard about the food in Egypt. From the look of the words in the text, Joseph's brothers must have heard about the famine too and it left Jacob wondering why they hadn't yet done anything about it.

In no uncertain terms, Jacob admonishes his sons to go and search out the news. If there was any truth in it, their worries would be over. Of course it was true, and it did relieve their worries, but it also introduced them to a reunion with Joseph that, in part, fulfilled God's plan for Joseph, Jacob, his sons, and all of the children of Israel.

What if they had not heard? What if they had heard and not checked out the news? Undoubtedly they would have sat around looking at each other and perhaps ultimately starved to death. Worse, they would have undermined the will of God for the children of Israel. In any case, they would have been disobedient to the call and commission of God for their lives.

Many believers are doing the same thing as the sons of Jacob did. They're standing around looking at each other instead of doing God's work, His way, according to His will. It's not that they haven't heard His Word. It's that they've heard His Word and have chosen not to follow it. The end result is that they leave those who need to hear the gospel wanting, severely limit their own spiritual growth, and quench the will of the Spirit of God for their lives.

Are you sharing the gospel? Do you look to do your best according to the Word of God? Is your heart purposefully sensitive to the soft prompting of the Holy Spirit? Are you obedient to the call and commission of God for your life? If not, then get after it so that non-believers, as well as other believers, seeing you standing spiritually idle and knowing you should be doing something for Christ won't ask, "Why do you look at one another?"