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**Transforming Daily**  
**“... and wept ...”**  
*Genesis 42:24*

Joseph, upon seeing his brothers, had to fight back both feelings of joy and sadness. His emotions had to be off the charts from anger to elation. This text reveals that very battle of emotions raging within him. On the one hand, he wanted his brothers to pay for what they did to him, and on the other hand, he didn't want them or the rest of his family in Canaan to suffer the famine or go without food.

Can you imagine what it must have been like for Joseph to know the whole truth and not yet be able to reveal it to his brothers (of course he had already done so some years earlier)? The saga was yet to unfold. Joseph had to play this divinely orchestrated game of chess for just a few more moves before arriving at spiritual checkmate with his brothers. Joseph knew the good God had in store for all of them, but his brothers were clueless.

There was a similar situation in the New Testament that brought another brother to tears our older brother, Jesus Christ. It is known as the shortest verse in the Bible where “Jesus wept” (John 11:35). Why did He weep? It wasn't for the reasons supposed by those around Him. Jesus wept because of the lack of understanding by the people, many of whom testified to be His disciples. However, they, just like Joseph's brothers, didn't get the picture that life was more than food and raiment.

Today is no different. Many lives have been beached on the sandbars of financial greed and professional ambition or worse shipwrecked on the jagged rocks of personal betrayal and abandonment; again, by many who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ. No wonder Jesus wept.

What is your perspective of the will of God for your life? Do you understand the bigger picture of God through Jesus Christ? Are you willing to do His will for His glory even if it means personal sacrifice? If so, it might be said of you that he or she did so and wept.