

SCCC – AGGRESSORS AND VICTIMS

S – Scriptures

“As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. “Where do you come from?” he asked. “From the land of Canaan,” they replied, “to buy food.” Genesis 42: 7

C – Consideration

Twenty-two years had passed since Jacob’s second youngest was sold by his brothers. Joseph was governing Egypt for nine years, after being a slave and a prisoner for thirteen years. He had married and was the father of two sons, probably six and eight years old. The drama is coming to an end as his traitors bowed down before him, and apparently, were divinely blocked of recognizing him, although Joseph recognized his brothers. He had forgotten two dreams he had had more than two decades before, however, “he remembered his dreams about them,” said the next verse.

C – Commitment

I am wondering how much Joseph had changed in and outside that prevented his brothers from identifying him. As I mentioned in my consideration, probably the Lord had blinded their minds, or by the fact that Joseph, also dressed as an Egyptian, speaking the Egyptian language and no longer a seventeen anymore, but a thirty-two years old, was unrecognizable. The amazing fact is, that as soon as he saw them (they had not even spoken to him), he knew they were his brothers. The story portrayed the struggles of both sides: the aggressors, which were his brothers (with the exception of Ruben and Benjamin), the other the victim, Joseph. I had experienced both sides myself, sometimes I was the aggressor, being foolish, selfish, jealous, and blindly I wounded others. Other, times I was the victim, being mistreated, abused, betrayed, and upset, I became angry. The powerful story showed me that to solve and heal both sides: the aggressors and the victims, it is necessary much love, mercy, humility, and repentance. These are virtues I must carry on in this sinful world, in order to please and to glorify my God

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, as you arranged the encounter of Jacob’s brothers and restored their fellowship, please, help me to overcome my anger as the victim and my shame as an aggressor. Lord, give more of your love, help me to see my pride, to understand the mercy you showed on me, sending your Son Jesus to die to redeem my soul. My God, teach me what true humility is, and help me to repent and forgive from my heart. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.