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Discover God's Wisdom  
for Today's Challenges

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Today's  
Wisdom  
Thought is:

**“ALWAYS THINK  
BEFORE YOU SPEAK”**

**James 1:19** — Be quick to listen, slow to speak.

- You can't **UNTELL** a **LIE**
- You can't **UNHURT** a **HEART** with an **APOLOGY**
- You can't **UNSAID** something **SPOKEN** in **ANGER**

### **1ST JOSEPH'S BROTHER RUEBEN — WAS SO GUILTY — HE WENT OFF ON HIS BROTHERS**

**Genesis 37:21-22** — When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let's not take his life,” he said. “Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

**Genesis 42:21-23** — They said to one another, “Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come on us.”

<sup>22</sup> Reuben replied, “Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood.” <sup>23</sup> They did not realize that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter.

### **2ND PETER, THE JESUS FOLLOWER WHO SPOKE BEFORE HE THOUGHT!**

**Mark 9:4-6** — And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

### **3RD JAMES & JOHN WHO SPOKE FROM SELFISH AMBITION**

**Mark 10:35-40** — Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

<sup>36</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

<sup>38</sup> “You don't know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

<sup>39</sup> “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

**Instead of praying prayers that PROMOTE you — pray prayers that ask God to PREPARE you!**

**Psalms 141:3** — Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.