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What Every Person
Should Know About
WAR



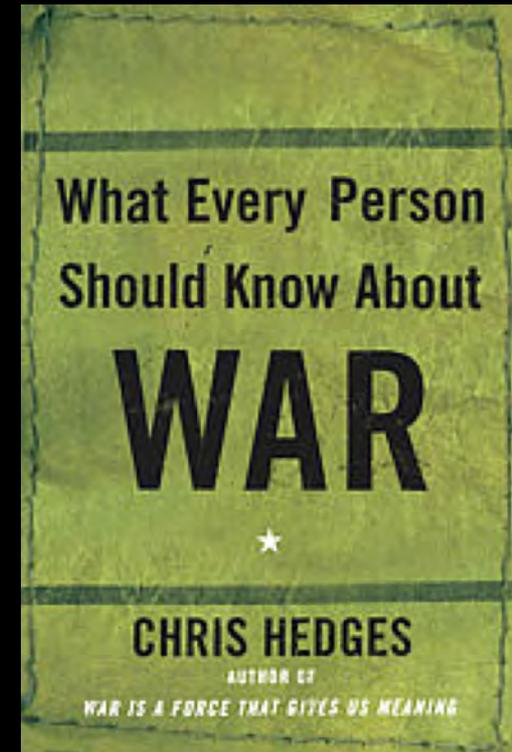
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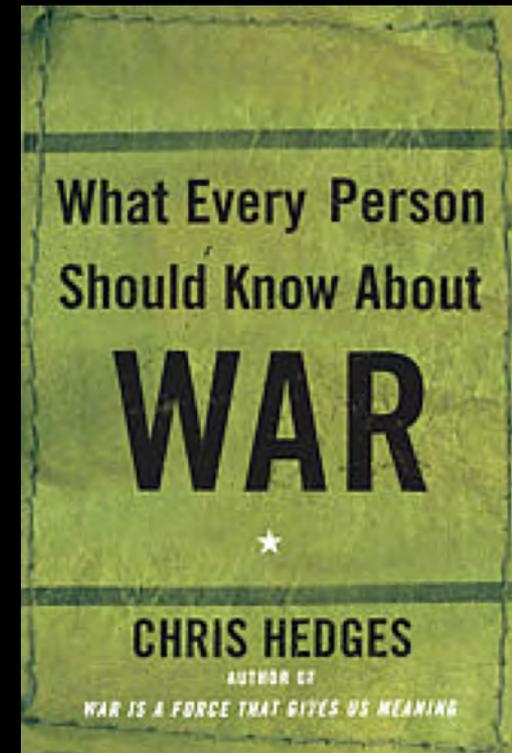
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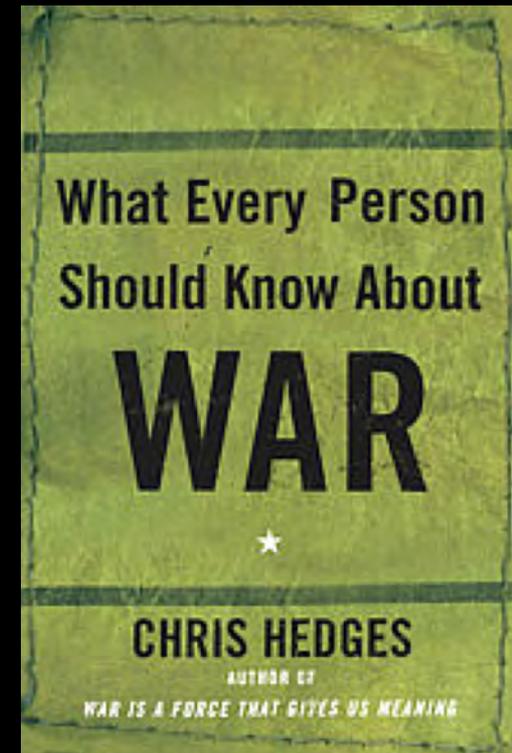
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War is defined as an active conflict that has claimed more than 1,000 lives.

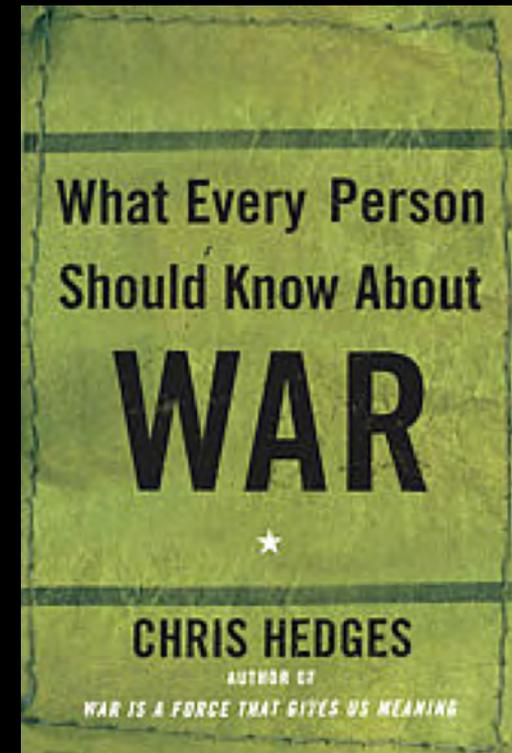


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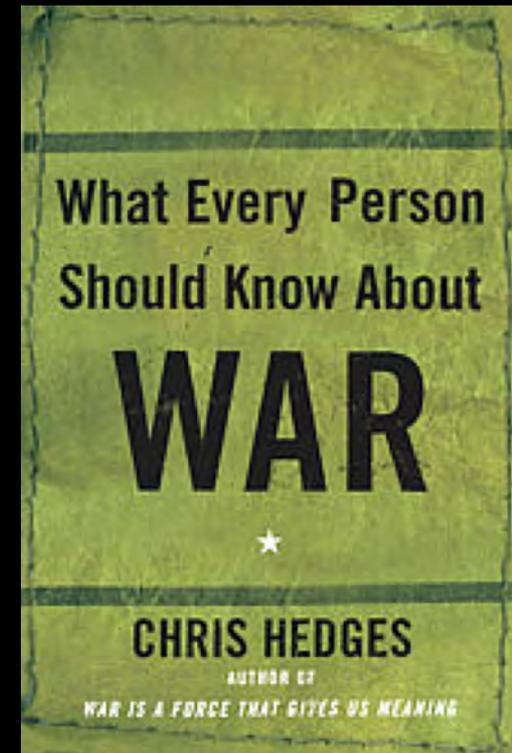


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Of the past 3,400 years, humans have been entirely at peace for 268 of them, or just 8 percent of recorded history.

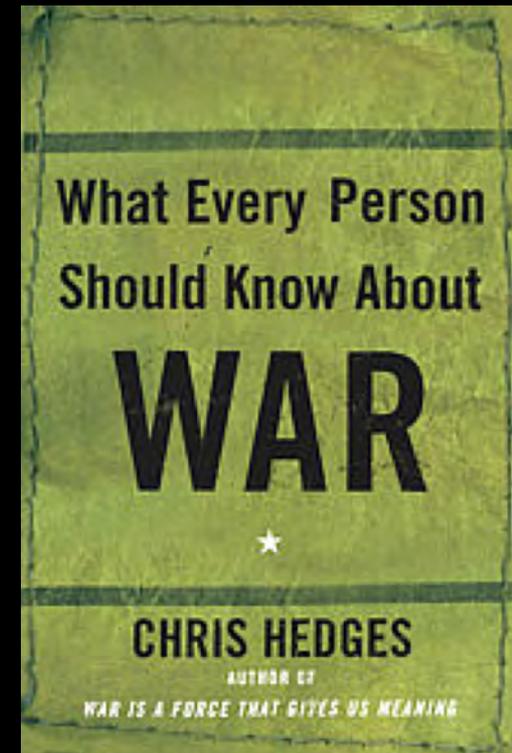


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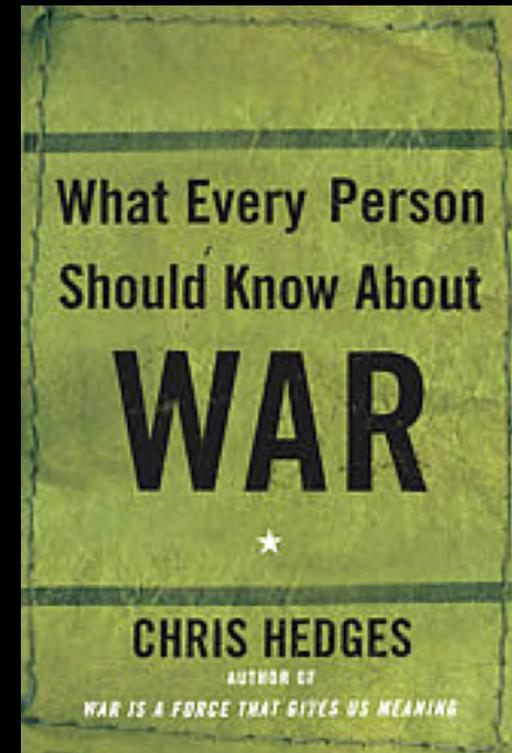


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At least 108 million people were killed in wars in the twentieth century. Estimates for the total number killed in wars throughout all of human history range from 150 million to 1 billion.



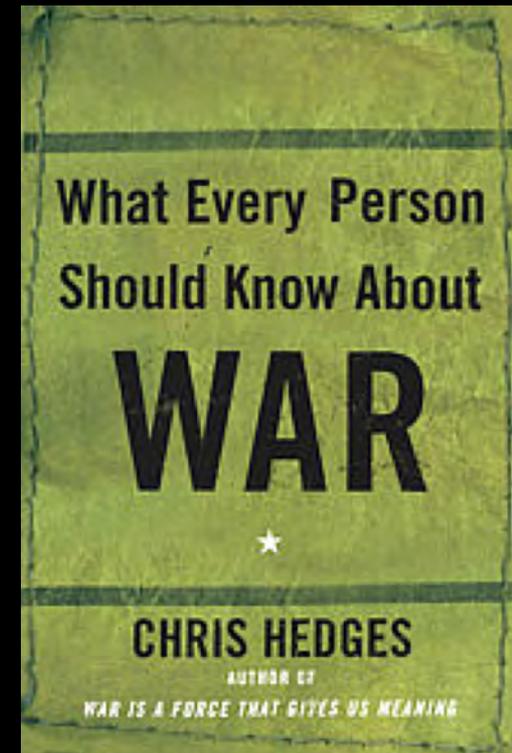
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At the beginning of 2003 there were 30 wars going on around the world. These included conflicts in Afghanistan, Algeria, Burundi, China, Colombia, the Congo, India, Indonesia, Israel, Iraq, Liberia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda.

~ Charles Hedges, *What Every Person Should Know About War*,
Simon and Schuster, (2003).



Start of Conflict ▲	War/Conflict ▶	Location ▶	Cumulative fatalities ▶
1948	Kayin State Conflict	 Kayin and Burma	~7,000
1948	Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	 Israel & Palestinian Territories	Unknown
1964	Colombian Civil War	 Colombia	Millions
1969	Communist and Islamic insurgency in the Philippines^[2]	 Philippines	~160,000+
1975	The Secret War	 Laos	2,000 - 3,000
1983	Sri Lankan Civil War	 Sri Lanka	~80,000 ^[3]
1984	Turkey-PKK conflict	 PKK (Kurdish militants) and Turkey	~37,000
1987	Second Ugandan Civil War	 Uganda	~12,000 ^[citation needed]
1988	Somali Civil War	 Somalia	300,000 ^[4] - 400,000 ^[5]
1989	Insurgency in Jammu and Kashmir	 India	~80,000
1993	Ethnic conflict in Nagaland	 India	~43,000 ^[6]
1995	Insurgency in Ogaden	 Ethiopia	~125
1996	Naxalite-Maoist insurgency	 East Central part of India	~4,483
1997	Kivu conflict	 Democratic Republic of the Congo	~4,000,000 ^[7]
2000	Second Chechen War	 Russia and Ichkeria	~90,000 ^[8]
2001	War in Afghanistan	 Afghanistan	35,000
2002	Insurgency in the Maghreb	 Algeria, Mauritania, and Morocco	~6000 ^[citation needed]
2003	War in Darfur	 Sudan	~500,000
2003	Iraq War	 Iraq	103,359+ - 1,136,920+ (<i>see: Casualties of the Iraq War</i>)
2004	Balochistan conflict	 Balochistan and Pakistan	~9,000 ^[9]
2004	South Thailand insurgency	 Pattani and Thailand	~3,500 ^[10]
2004	War in North-West Pakistan	 Pakistan	~11,345
2004	Kivu conflict	 Democratic Republic of the Congo	unknown
2004	Conflict in the Niger Delta	 Nigeria	unknown
2005	Fourth Civil War of Chad	 Chad	~1,400 ^[citation needed]
2006	Mexican Drug War	 Mexico	7,882 ^[11]
2007	Second Tuareg Rebellion	 Mali and Niger	~350 ^[12]
2008	First Eritrean Civil War	 Eritrea	~100 ^[13]



“Peace”

~ Robert Oppenheimer, before a congressional hearing.

How do we get peace?

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“A Nation of Peace is filled with
People of Peace and led by
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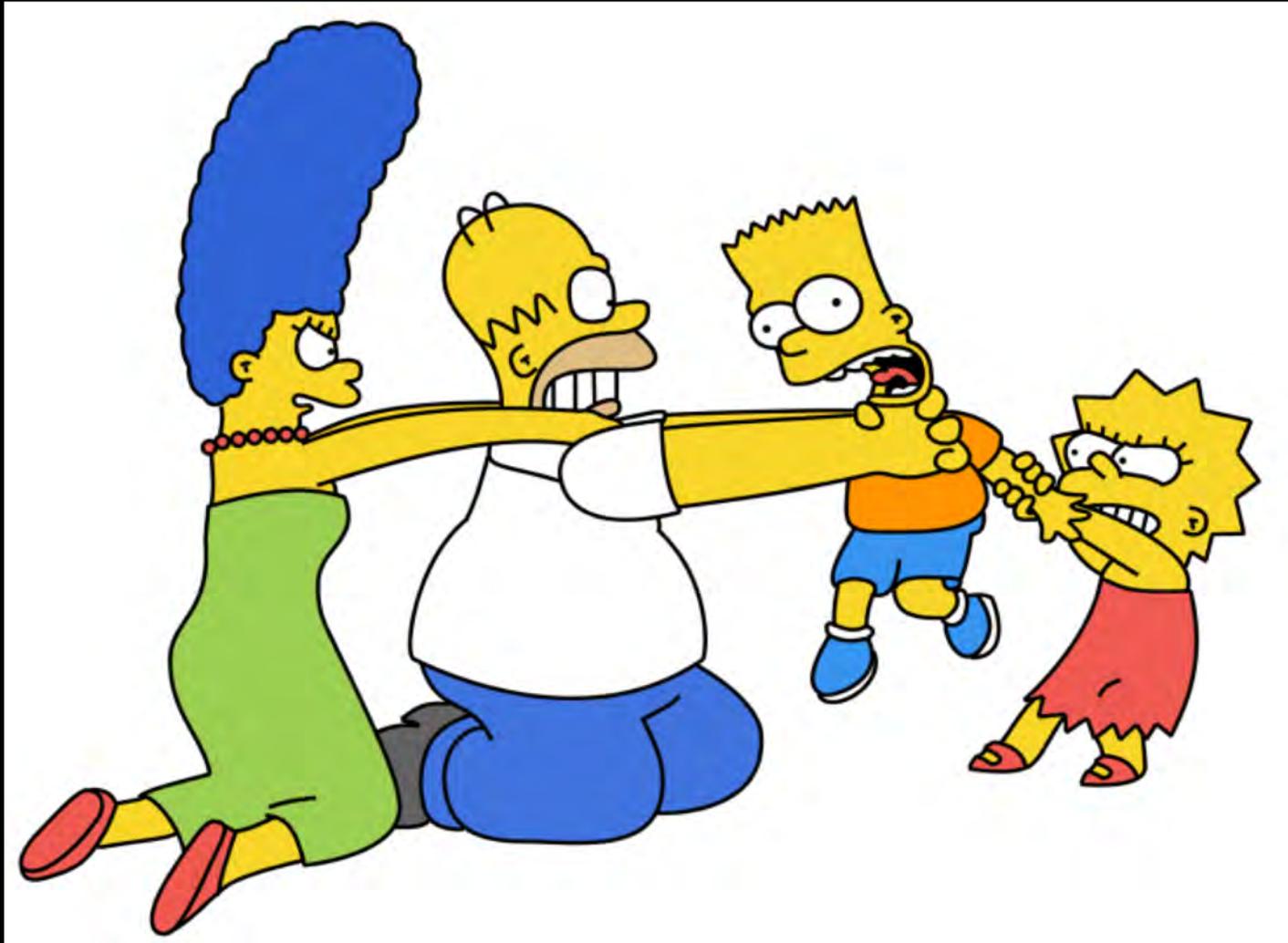
Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

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Genesis 30:22-24

²²Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and opened her womb. ²³She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, “God has taken away my disgrace.” ²⁴She named him Joseph, and said, “May the LORD add to me another son.”

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Siblings...

Genesis 37:3-11

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. ⁴When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. ⁵Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷We were binding sheaves of corn out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered round mine and bowed down to it." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

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Siblings...

Genesis 37:3-11

⁹Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers.

“Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” ¹⁰When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?” ¹¹His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

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“Let’s get rid of him!”

Genesis 37:18-27

¹⁸But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. ¹⁹“Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. ²⁰“Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.” ²¹When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said. ²²“Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the desert, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe — the richly ornamented robe he was wearing — ²⁴and they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

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²⁵As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. ²⁶Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?”

²⁷Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

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“Things are looking up!”

Genesis 39:1-5

¹Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. ²The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, ⁴Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. ⁵From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.

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The downside of being “well-built and handsome”

Genesis 39:6-18

⁶So he left in Joseph’s care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome,⁷ and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!”⁸ But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even to be with her.

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¹¹One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. ¹²She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. ¹³When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, ¹⁴she called her household servants. “Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁵When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

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¹⁶She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home.
¹⁷Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

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Doing time with donut makers and wine tasters

Genesis 40:1-5

¹Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt. ²Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them. After they had been in custody for some time, ⁵each of the two men — the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison — had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own.

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Genesis 40:9-23

⁹So the chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream. He said to him, “In my dream I saw a vine in front of me, ¹⁰and on the vine were three branches. As soon as it budded, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, squeezed them into Pharaoh’s cup and put the cup in his hand.”

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¹²“This is what it means,” Joseph said to him. “The three branches are three days. ¹³Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh’s cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. ¹⁵For I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.”

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¹⁶When the chief baker saw that Joseph had given a favorable interpretation, he said to Joseph, “I too had a dream: On my head were three baskets of bread. ¹⁷In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.” ¹⁸“This is what it means,” Joseph said. “The three baskets are three days. ¹⁹Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat away your flesh.”

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²⁰Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: ²¹He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand, ²²but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation. ²³The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

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Two years later...Pharaoh has a dream

Genesis 41:1-4

¹When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, ²when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. ³After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. ⁴And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows.
Then Pharaoh woke up.

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Genesis 41:37-46

³⁷The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. ³⁸So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" ³⁹Then Pharaoh said to Joseph,

"Since God has made all this known to you, there is no-one so discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." ⁴¹So Pharaoh said to

Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." ⁴²Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and men shouted before him, "Make way!"

Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

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Genesis 41:37-46

⁴⁴Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no-one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt." ⁴⁵Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt. ⁴⁶Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt.

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Meanwhile...back at the ranch...

Genesis 42:1, 2

¹When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you just keep looking at each other?” ²He continued, “I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.”

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Joseph is reunited with his brothers

Genesis 42:7-15

⁷As 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.” ⁸Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. ⁹Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, “You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected.” ¹⁰“No, my lord,” they answered. “Your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies.”

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¹²“No!” he said to them. “You have come to see where our land is unprotected.” ¹³But they replied, “Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan.

The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more.”

¹⁴Joseph said to them, “It is just as I told you: You are spies! ¹⁵And this is how you will be tested: As surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here.”

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"I'm not sending the youngster!"

Genesis 42:36-43:2

³⁶Their father Jacob said to them, "You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!" ³⁷Then Reuben said to his father, "You may put both of my sons to death if I do not bring him back to you. Entrust him to my care, and I will bring him back." ³⁸But Jacob said, "My son will not go down there with you; his brother is dead and he is the only one left. If harm comes to him on the journey you are taking, you will bring my grey head down to the grave in sorrow."

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“But, go get some more food!”

Genesis 43:1- 2

¹Now the famine was still severe in the land. ²So when they had eaten all the grain they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go back and buy us a little more food.”

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Joseph sees his bros. a second time

Genesis 43:15, 16

¹⁵So the men took the gifts and double the amount of silver, and Benjamin also. They hurried down to Egypt and presented themselves to Joseph. ¹⁶When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Take these men to my house, slaughter an animal and prepare dinner; they are to eat with me at noon."

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Genesis 43:26-34

²⁶When Joseph came home, they presented to him the gifts they had brought into the house, and they bowed down before him to the ground. ²⁷He asked them how they were, and then he said, “How is your aged father you told me about? Is he still living?”

²⁸They replied, “Your servant our father is still alive and well.”

And they bowed low to pay him honor. ²⁹As he looked about and saw his brother Benjamin, his own mother’s son, he asked, “Is this your youngest brother, the one you told me about?” And he said, “God be gracious to you, my son.” ³⁰Deeply moved at the sight of his brother, Joseph hurried out and looked for a place to weep.

He went into his private room and wept there.

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Genesis 43:26-34

³¹After he had washed his face, he came out and, controlling himself, said, "Serve the food." ³²They served him by himself, the brothers by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because Egyptians could not eat with Hebrews, for that is detestable to Egyptians. ³³The men had been seated before him in the order of their ages, from the firstborn to the youngest; and they looked at each other in astonishment. ³⁴When portions were served to them from Joseph's table, Benjamin's portion was five times as much as anyone else's. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

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The plot to put his bros. exactly where he wants!

Genesis 44:1-12

¹Now Joseph gave these instructions to the steward of his house: “Fill the men’s sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each man’s silver in the mouth of his sack. ²Then put my cup, the silver one, in the mouth of the youngest one’s sack, along with the silver for his grain.” And he did as Joseph said. ³As morning dawned, the men were sent on their way with their donkeys. ⁴They had not gone far from the city when Joseph said to his steward, “Go after those men at once, and when you catch up with them, say to them, ‘Why have you repaid good with evil? ⁵Isn’t this the cup my master drinks from and also uses for divination? This is a wicked thing you have done.’”

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Genesis 44:1-12

⁶When he caught up with them, he repeated these words to them.
⁷But they said to him, “Why does my lord say such things? Far be it from your servants to do anything like that! ⁸We even brought back to you from the land of Canaan the silver we found inside the mouths of our sacks. So why would we steal silver or gold from your master’s house? ⁹If any of your servants is found to have it, he will die; and the rest of us will become my lord’s slaves.”

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¹⁰“Very well, then,” he said, “let it be as you say. Whoever is found to have it will become my slave; the rest of you will be free from blame.” ¹¹Each of them quickly lowered his sack to the ground and opened it. ¹²Then the steward proceeded to search, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack.

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**Jospeh the man of peace speaks out and gets his revenge
reconcilliation!**

Genesis 45:1-8

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Make everyone leave my presence!" So there was no-one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!"

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⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

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Joseph, the man of peace, and where he got his strength to be a man of peace

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

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Joseph, the man of peace, and where he got his strength to be a man of peace

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

²¹So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

How to be a person of peace...

Romans 5:1, 2

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.