

The Road to Reconciliation

Genesis 45 // April 23, 2023



... BUT GOD

the life of *Joseph*

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What's a reconciliation moment you've witnessed or experienced that made an impact on you?



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

GROW IN THE WORD

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



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In a climactic and intensely emotional moment, Joseph finally revealed himself to his brothers. He warmly offered them forgiveness and grace and explained that it was God who sent him to Egypt in order to preserve the lives of many (v. 1-15).

- What stands out most to you as you reflect on this emotional and climactic reunion between Joseph and his brothers?
- What's the importance of verses 7 and 10, when Joseph referred to saving the lives of his family members? See Genesis 12:1-3, 17:7-8; Galatians 3:6-9,14.
- How did Joseph's trust in God's sovereignty shape his view of the suffering and betrayal he experienced? Take note of verses 5, 7, 8, and 9.

Pharaoh heard about the reunion between Joseph and his brothers and chose to bless the family abundantly. He commanded Joseph's brothers to take provisions back to Canaan, then return to Egypt with their families. The best of the land of Egypt would be given to them on their return (v. 16-24).

- What's your reaction to the lavish generosity Pharaoh offered to Joseph's brothers? Consider also that the land is in the midst of a great famine (v. 11).
- In what ways does Pharaoh's provision for Joseph's family reflect God's grace and provision for his people?

GROW IN THE WORD

- How can you grow in your ability to imitate the generosity and hospitality portrayed in these verses?

The brothers returned to Jacob and delivered the news about Joseph. Jacob initially could not believe that his beloved son Joseph was still alive, but he became convinced after hearing all that Joseph said and by seeing the provisions in the wagons (v. 25-28).

- How does this story of familial reconciliation demonstrate the power of forgiveness, and what implications does it have for your own family and relationships?
- How do you want your perspective on your circumstances or your relationships to change in light of this passage?

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday, May 3 | 7 - 8 pm | 410 Campus

Join us as we close out the spring semester with a time of worship, prayer, and praise. All ages are invited and childcare is not available. Learn more online or in the app.

ON MISSION: WITH GOD

May 13 | 9 am | 111 Ivywood

Come with us as we do a prayer walk in the neighborhood around our campus in our first summer mission event! All ages are welcome. Learn more online or in the app.