

# GENESIS

## God's unveiling plan of Redemption and Blessing

### Study 64: The Grace of Reconciliation (Genesis 45:1-28)

**READ** Gen 45:1-28 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig's [sermon](#).

In a burst of unrestrainable emotion, Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers and allayed their fears of reprisal by assuring them that it was God's sovereign purpose in sending him to Egypt to preserve for them a remnant of God's chosen people on earth. In an act of remarkable grace, Joseph, with Pharaoh's affirmation, provided for the family and instructed his brothers to bring his father to Egypt. Jacob, upon hearing the news that Joseph was alive, was revived in spirit.

**Main Lesson:** Reconciliation comes when we recognise God's sovereign rule over all evil and forgive in light of His wisdom and mercy.

#### Questions:

1. Has anyone ever asked for your forgiveness? How did you respond? What was easy and what was difficult?
2. How can we forgive when we don't feel like it? How can forgiveness move from the mental to the emotional level?
3. A. What in this passage confirms that Joseph fully forgave his brothers? Consider how he addressed their sin while protecting, comforting and providing for them.  
  
B. How does Joseph's forgiveness foreshadow Christ's forgiveness of us?

4. Who does Joseph say sent him to Egypt (vv. 4-8), and what good (Gen 50:20) did God bring from the brothers' willing and wicked act of selling him into slavery?
5. A. Does God's ultimate sovereignty over the brothers' decision (v. 4) make Him responsible for sin? Does it mean that sinners can excuse their wrongdoing? Explain using the following verses: Gen 50:20; James 1:13-15; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28.  
  
B. How would you explain the relationship between man's willing actions and God's sovereignty over those actions?
6. How is Rom 8:28 a comfort to you considering God's sovereignty over all the good, difficult and seemingly unfair circumstances of life?
7. Why did Joseph tell his brothers not to quarrel on their way home (v. 24) and why would quarrelling show a deeply unthankful spirit?
8. Joseph commanded the brothers to quickly return and tell their father about all his honour in Egypt. To whom are you proclaiming the good news of God's Son through whom we receive pardon, provision and a place of protection?

#### STOP AND PRAY:

**Adore:** God who sovereignly rules over all events, circumstances and actions

**Thank:** the Lord who works all things together for the good of those who love Him

**Pray:** that you would be given grace to forgive those who hurt you and trust in God