

December 4th, 2022

Wisdom and Perspective

Genesis 45-47

- 1) James referred to a quote from John Maxwell: "Experience teaches us nothing. Evaluated experience teaches us everything." Share the most recent shaping lesson that you have learned from an evaluated experience?
- 2) Are there any long-standing relational tensions, or unresolved issues with people in your life which God may be calling you to let go of?
- 3) As we come to the end of this and the beginning of a new one, how might the priority of worship, and the need for God's presence set a new order and new pace of life for you?
- 4) Another statement made in the message was that "it is always best and safest to be where God has you rather than where is most desirable to you or where makes the most sense to you." Is there any place that God has you presently that you are struggling to accept or trying to move on from prematurely?
- 5) A reference was made to "inconsolable things", things for which there is no resolution in this life. Are there any sorrows or griefs which you are having to learn to carry permanently alongside a living faith in the goodness of God?
- 6) The final point of wisdom referred to was that "your boring life really matters", which came from Jacob's own sense of disappointment with his life, despite the eternal significance of

his life. James emphasized that the ordinary activities of our ordinary lives in ordinary places among ordinary people are also of eternal significance. How does this challenge you or encourage your appraisal of your own life?