

1. Share an example of true forgiveness that you have heard, read about or experienced?
2. Read **Genesis 45:1-4** - A Right Heart for God
  - a. How does this interaction with his brothers reveal Joseph's heart?
  - b. Why does the process of moving from hurt to healing/forgiveness need to start in our heart?
  - c. How should the truth of Ephesians 2:8-9 affect our heart when it comes to forgiveness?
3. Read **Genesis 45:5-8** - A Right Perspective from God
  - a. How did God guide Joseph to preserve a remnant of His people? How is that remnant being preserved today (Romans 11:5)?
  - b. How can Joseph's example help us better understand the sovereignty of God?
4. Read **Genesis 45:9-15; Psalm 105:16-22** - A Right Response to God
  - a. How does God respond to us when we confess our sin and repent (1 John 1:8-9)?
  - b. Even though God is faithful to forgive us, why is it often difficult for us to forgive others, receive forgiveness or forgive ourselves? How can we trust God more completely in each of these areas?
5. Read **Genesis 45:16-28** - Restored Relationships & Joyful Reconciliation
  - a. Why does remorse not always equal repentance, restoration or trust?
  - b. How can living out Ephesians 4:31-32 and Colossians 3:12-14 move us toward experiencing restoration and joy in our relationship with God and other people?
6. This week ask God to reveal any relationships in your life that may need to move toward healing and forgiveness, and then seek His wisdom on how to respond.

**Next Week:** Genesis 50:1-26

**Reading Plan:** Hebrews 7-11



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**I HEARD**



**I WILL**