

# Genesis 44-45

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## SERMON NOTES

### Genesis

In the beginning...

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The road to reconciliation leads to...

1. The freedom of forgiveness
2. The beauty of reconciliation
3. The glories of mercy and grace

*“The main way Christians can be a resource to the broader culture is by restoring the church to being a well-known community of forgiveness and reconciliation. God always holds you responsible to reach out to repair a tattered relationship. A Christian is responsible to begin the process of reconciliation, regardless of how the distance or the alienation began.”*

- Tim Keller

*“If the past is not to become a ball and chain for the present, it takes truth, repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation to keep the past as the past and create an open future of the genuine second chance. The secular pursuit of justice rarely offers such options.”*

- Os Guinness, *Carpe Diem Redeemed*

*“In Jesus Christ, God became flesh to restore being into our nonbeing by reconciling us to the One ‘in Whom we live, and breathe, and have our being.’”*

- M. Craig Barnes, *The Pastor as Minor Poet*

*“I wonder if anything is more urgent today, for the honour of Christ and for the spread of the gospel, than what the church should be, and should be seen to be, what by God’s purpose and Christ’s achievement it already is — a single new humanity, a model of human community, a family of reconciled brothers and sisters who love their Father and love each other, the evident dwelling place of God by His Spirit. Only then will the world believe in Christ as Peacemaker. Only then will God receive the glory due to His name.”*

- John Stott