

Genesis 42-43

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SERMON NOTES

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In the Beginning...

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An Unexpected Reunion

"A family reunion is an effective form of birth control."

- Robert A. Heinlein

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

- George Burns

"Having a family is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain."

- Martin Mull

"It is useless to meet revenge with revenge; it will heal nothing."

- J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*

"Human beings do not readily admit desperation. When they do, the kingdom of heaven draws near."

- Philip Yancey, *The Jesus I Never Knew*

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An Unexpected Reunion

1. The ripple effect of sin affects us all
2. Reconciliation is the heart of the Gospel

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you."

- *Genesis 3:17*

“For in Him [Jesus] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross.” - *Colossians 1:19-20*

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”
- *2 Corinthians 5:18*

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”
- *Matthew 5:23-24*

“While other worldviews lead us to sit in the midst of life’s joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world’s sorrows, tasting the coming joys.”
- Tim Keller, *Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering*

“What if we can stand before God someday and hear our life stories, told for the first time accurately and in their entirety, with all the twists and turns and meaning we couldn’t follow when we lived through them?”
- Tish Harrison Warren, *Prayer in the Night*