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(Title Slide) “The Divine Drama” | Genesis 42–45

SLIDE #02

A Story Within The Story: Joseph’s Journey

Genesis 37: Joe’s Dreams & Downfall

Genesis 38: Judah’s Representative Rebellion

Genesis 39–41: A Rollercoaster Ride (Kingdom Ascent)

Genesis 42–44: A Brother Concealed (Family Ascent)

Genesis 45: A Brother Revealed (Divine Descent)

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GENESIS 42–44 (Scripture)

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Character Development:

- The Brothers

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- 42:21 Then they said to one another, “In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us.”
- 44:16 And Judah said, “What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants...”

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- 42:6 [They] *bowed* themselves before him with their faces to the ground.
- 43:28 They *bowed* their heads and made
- 44:14 They *fell before* him to the ground.

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Character Development:

- The Brothers
- Jacob (Israel)

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Character Development:

- The Brothers
- Jacob (Israel)
- Joseph (Aphenath Paneah)

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GENESIS 45 (Scripture)

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A Divine Drama (Desperation & Revelation)

- Pharaoh/Egypt
- Brothers
- Jacob/Israel
- Joseph
- Jesus?
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COMMUNITY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Genesis 42-45. What part of this story struck you, emotionally? Theologically?
2. God is referenced several times during this drama by Joseph, his brothers and his father, Jacob. But God, Himself, remains silent during the developments. How is this passage a human drama? How is it a divine (God) drama?
3. Each character had their own history and baggage as victims and/or as villains. How did God use each character's story to bring about a bottoming out?
 - a. The Brothers
 - b. Jacob/Israel
 - c. Joseph
4. How does God save us? Discuss the dynamic between desperation to revelation. Do you see this dynamic at work with each of the characters? Within your own life story and track record as victim or villain? Share with one another, as the Lord leads.
5. It has been said that Joseph is a "Christ figure," or a type of Christ. Where do you see this possibility the most clearly?
6. Pray together.