

“FROM PAIN TO PURPOSE”

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Genesis 45:-46:1-30 (NASB)

1. JOSEPH FORGIVES.

Genesis 45:1–28 (NASB95) ¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, “Have everyone go out from me.” So there was no man with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard of it. ³Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come closer to me.” And they came closer. And he said, “I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵“Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶“For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. ⁷“God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. ⁸“Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

2. GOD RESTORES.

⁹“Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, “God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰“**You shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have.** ¹¹“**There I will also provide for you,** for there are still five years of famine to come, and you and your household and all that you have would be impoverished.” ’ ¹²“Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you. ¹³“Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell on his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵He kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

3. PHARAOH RESPONDS.

¹⁶Now when the news was heard in Pharaoh’s house that Joseph’s brothers had come, **it pleased Pharaoh and his servants.** ¹⁷Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: load your beasts and go to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸and take your father and your households and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you will eat the fat of the land.’ ¹⁹“Now you are ordered, ‘Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come. ²⁰‘Do not concern yourselves with your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.’ ” ²¹Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. ²²To each of them he gave changes of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of garments. ²³To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father on the journey. ²⁴So he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the journey.”

4. JACOB REVIVES.

²⁵Then they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶They told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and indeed he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." But he was stunned, for he did not believe them. ²⁷When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, **the spirit of their father Jacob revived.** ²⁸Then Israel said, **"It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."**

Genesis 46:1–7; 26-30 (NASB95) ¹So Israel set out with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." ³He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there. ⁴"I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will close your eyes." ⁵Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob and their little ones and their wives in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They took their livestock and their property, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and came to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him: ⁷his sons and his grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

²⁶All the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, were sixty-six persons in all, ²⁷and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were two; all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, were seventy. ²⁷and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were two; all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, were seventy. ²⁸Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out the way before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. ²⁹Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; **as soon as he appeared before him, he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.** ³⁰Then Israel said to Joseph, **"Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."**