



Series: Genesis: The Foundations for the Coming of Christ

Title: Reconciliation Before the Reunion

Scripture: Genesis 42-43

October Memory Verse: *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."* **Romans 8:28**

1. Our past sins and hurts will always resurface. We cannot outrun them. (42:1-6)
2. God's Word will always prove true in the hardest moments in life. (42:7-9a)
3. Jesus sees who we are long before we see who He is. He recognizes us and still loves us. (42:7-17)
4. The fear of the Lord leads to life (and knowledge and wisdom). (42:18-25; Prov. 19:23; 22:4; 9:10; 10:27)
5. It is the kindness of the Lord that leads us to repentance. (42:26-34)
6. When there is no confession of sin, even blessings from God add to our guilt and increase our distress. (42:35-38)
7. Crisis reveals what is going on inside us (good and bad) and brings opportunity to face what we have been avoiding. (43:1-15)
8. Forgiveness must be received from God before we can offer it to others or ourselves. (43:16-22; Rev. 3:20)
9. We who are in Christ are ambassadors for Christ serving and imploring people in need of forgiveness to be reconciled to God. (43:23-25)
10. Jesus is the better Joseph who welcomes us to His table and gives us more grace when we do not deserve it. (43:26-34)