

J O S E P H

THE HIDDEN HAND OF GOD

Part 6: In Restoring Broken Relationships
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Genesis 43:1-45:15 (p.38)

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Melodic Line of Genesis: Despite the failure of God's covenant people, God's purposes and plans will come to fulfilment, not through the faithfulness of others but through the faithfulness of God.

BIG IDEA:

Five pivotal moments in bringing restoration to a broken relationship:

1. _____
(43:1-14)

2. _____
(43:15-34)

3. _____
(44:1-13)

4. _____
(44:14-34)

5. _____
(45:1-15)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Judah displays remarkable selflessness in offering himself as a slave in place of Benjamin (Genesis 44:33). What sacrifices is God calling you to make to love others as Christ loved us? (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Joseph forgave his brothers, recognizing God's sovereignty in allowing their evil actions to bring about good (Genesis 45:5-8). Is there someone you need to forgive, trusting God's purposes? (Colossians 3:13)

Despite his righteous life, Joseph experienced suffering and injustice. How can his example encourage you when facing trials? (James 1:2-4)

Joseph attributes his circumstances to God's sovereign plan (Genesis 45:5-8). How can remembering God's sovereignty help you endure difficult situations in your life? (Romans 8:28)

Joseph showed lavish generosity to his brothers who had wronged him (Genesis 43:34). How can you extend grace and generosity, even to those who have hurt you? (Matthew 5:44-45)

DIGGING DEEPER

Resources to help you think deeper about this week's Bible message.

Recommended resources are not an endorsement of all the authors have said or written.

Something to Read:

Be Authentic - Warren Wiersbe

Living in the Light of Inexhaustible Hope - Iain Duguid and Matthew S. Harmon

Unpacking Forgiveness - Chris Brauns

Something to Listen to:

Blessed Providence (Genesis 43:1-34) - Steve Lawson (available on YouTube)

The Four Stages of Surrender (Genesis 43:1-34) - Jordan Neal Rogers (available on YouTube)

The Sovereign, Merciful, Grace of God (Genesis 44-45) - Jordan Neal Rogers (available on YouTube)

Repentance and Reconciliation (Genesis 42:1-46:34) - Andrew Sach (available at www.st-helens.org.uk)

NEXT WEEK

Joseph: The Hidden Hand of God #6 - Genesis 43-44

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share.

[Above from book Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member by 9Marks]