



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15 (NAS)

Topic: "The Joy of Reconciliation"

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- 1 Then 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.
- 2 He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard of it.
- 3 Then 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.
- 4 Then 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.
- 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."
- 14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.
- 15 He kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him

I. THE IMPORT OF RELATIONSHIPS

- A. Relationships are of Greatest Importance *Matthew 22:36-40*
- B. Reconciliation In Relationships Is Extremely Important *Luke 15:7*

II. JOSEPH'S RECONCILIATION WITH HIS BROTHERS

- A. Judah's Speech Indicating A Repentant Spirit Set The Stage
- B. Joseph's Disclosure That He Was Their Brother
- C. The Brother's Response

1. Shock
2. Fear
3. Joy of reconciliation

III. KEYS TO RECONCILIATION IN YOUR ATTITUDE AS THE INJURED PARTY

- A. Natural Responses, Sarcastic, Gloomy, Grumpy, Bitter, Vindictive, Desiring Them To Know Your Heart, Deter Reconciliation
- B. A Grace-Filled Response
 1. Christ from the cross
 2. Joseph's response to his brothers *I Corinthians 13:5*
- C. Joseph Quickly Implemented An Attitude of Forgiveness
- D. He Recognized God's Forgiveness *Matthew 18:21-35*
- E. He Recognized God's Sovereignty Over His Life
- F. Evidences Of His Knowledge Of God's Control
 1. Response to Potiphar
 2. Response to cup bearer and baker God interprets
 3. Response to Pharaoh *Genesis 41:15-16*
 4. Naming his two sons acknowledge God's control *Genesis 41:51, 53*
 5. Four times in the text God is named vs. 5, 7, 8, 9

- G. You Also Need Acknowledge God's Control *Romans 8:28*

IV. RESPONSE OF THE OTHER PARTY

- A. They Must Repent For True Reconciliation To Occur
- B. Your Treatment Of Them Until That Occurs
 1. Pray for them *Matthew 5:43; Matthew 5:44*
 2. Love them
 3. Be kind to them *Ephesians 4:32; Romans 2:4*