



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 45:1:-20

Title: Joseph, God Builds a Man, Part 9

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Discussion Starter – Sometimes in God’s plan of building us up, we experience some very painful moments. In Joseph’s case here in this chapter, it was the memory of the betrayal of his brothers. What are some of the things you have learned from how Joseph handles this situation?

Read Genesis 45:1-4

- 1) We see that Joseph is overcome with emotion and cries out so loud that the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard him. What role do you think our emotions play in a plan of reconciliation?
- 2) What is the significance of the first question Joseph asks his brothers once he reveals that he is really Joseph, the brother they sold into slavery? What do you think he wanted them to reflect on?
- 3) His brothers were dismayed and could not answer him, so Joseph says come to me. What does this indicate about his life and how does this parallel the way Jesus calls us to come to Him?
- 4) How did God use this evil in Joseph’s life? How has God used the evil or bad things that have happened to you to make you a stronger and better honed as an instrument in His hand?
 - a) Somewhere long ago, Joseph brought his pain to God and found peace in God’s sovereignty. Is there some pain or guilt that you have been holding onto that needs to be brought before God? Explain.

Read Genesis 45:5-20

- 5) Describe what Joseph does next in this passage. How is this a picture of God’s goodness to those who are reconciled back to Him by Jesus? Read Genesis 50:20-21. What insights are gained in this passage?
- 6) What are some of the significant things the Pharaoh tells Joseph’s brothers about coming to live in the land of Egypt? What promises does God have for us when we become His children?
 - b) Joseph stayed strong in the face of many hardships in his life. He did hard things. Sometimes God really blesses us and our lives become comfortable. What is the problem with us continually seeking comfort in our own lives?
 - c) What are some of the things God has called you to leave behind as you come walk in His plan for your life?