



**Series:** Genesis

**Passage:** Genesis 45:18- 46:30

**Title:** Joseph, God Builds a Man, Part 10

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**Discussion Starter** – Israel and his sons are faced with big changes in their lives. How do they cope with the changes? What fears and doubts do they face? What have you seen in this portion of scripture that can equip you to walk successfully in God’s will when you are faced with an uncertain future?

**Read Genesis 45:18-28**

- 1) How does Joseph’s generous provision and statement, “don’t be concerned about your goods” reflect Jesus’ invitation to us to enter a new life in Him?
- 2) What is represented by the new “changes of garments” provided by Joseph to his brothers?
- 3) What were Joseph’s final words to the brothers before they left to retrieve their father, Israel?
- 4) What might have been some issues that would have troubled the brothers along the journey?
- 5) Read Psalm 32. What is the promised blessing of confessing and forsaking the sin that troubles us? What is the effect of concealing our sin? Why can God alone forgive our sin?
  - a) What troubling thoughts do you have that hinder you from stepping out in faith to a new territory God is calling you to?
  - b) What tools has God given you to strengthen your faith in God’s promises and move forward?

**Read Genesis 46:1-7**

- 6) What do we learn about Israel’s relationship with God as he pauses to make sacrifices before leaving Beersheba? How does God reward Israel’s sacrifices?
- 7) How is the comprehensive sacrifice of Jesus foreshadowed in the sin offering, fellowship offering and the burnt offering?
- 8) What six promises did God give to Israel before he left Canaan for Egypt?
- 9) How many years passed before God gave a direct word to His nation after this event?
  - c) Where do you place your faith during times when God seems to be silent?
  - d) How is your faith strengthened and maintained during times of opposition?

**Read Genesis 46:8-30**

- 10) In verse 29 we see Joseph’s special preparation to meet his father again. What special God-given connection is revealed between every person and his or her father?
  - e) How can you better reflect our Heavenly Father to those who have been placed under our influence?