

A Family Reunion

Genesis 45

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1. Joseph gave his brothers what they didn't deserve-
grace.
2. Joseph not only extended grace to his brothers – but also forgiveness as well.
3. Forgiveness is a choice.
4. Forgiveness is not a feeling and it's not forgetting.
5. Joseph chose to reconcile with his brothers.
6. Reconciliation is the restoration of relationships.
7. Joseph could extend grace, forgiveness and reconciliation because he saw the hand of God behind everything that happened.

Discussion Questions

1. How is it even possible for Joseph, especially given what has happened to forgive his brothers for what they did to him?
2. Sometimes we say I can forgive but I don't want to have a relationship with that person anymore. What if God forgave us in that way? I will forgive you but I don't want to have a relationship with you any longer.
3. Given all that had happened to Joseph, how could he then turn around and not only give them grace and forgiveness but he sought to be reconciled with them as well?