

Joseph: Truth in Reconciliation The Life of Joseph

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Key Truth:

On the road to reconciliation, the Truth is the Power behind God's Plan.

In this chapter, as we come to the point of reconciliation between Joseph and his brothers, we see truth being exposed for all to see. We find Joseph revealing himself to his brothers, and we see Jacob's spirit reviving at the realization that his beloved son Joseph is alive! When truth is exposed in this chapter, reconciliation occurs.

DISCUSS

Read **Genesis 45:1-28** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on "Joseph: Truth in Reconciliation."

DIG IN

1. The Truth Reveals. (Genesis 45:1-8)

Read Genesis 45:1-3: Describe how Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers. Do you find anything striking about this reveal? Why or why not?

Describe the purpose Joseph reveals to his brothers (vv. 4-8). Who is the one truly responsible for Joseph becoming a ruler in Egypt? Why?

In what ways was revealing the whole truth (Joseph's identity and purpose) foundational to bringing about the reconciliation between Joseph and his brothers? In what ways is it essential today?

2. The Truth Reconciles. (Genesis 45:9-20)

Describe the various ways Joseph provide for Jacob and his family (vv. 9-13).

Why do you think it was important for Moses (the writer of Genesis) to include the emotional expressions behind Joseph's reconciliation with his brothers (vv. 14-15)?

In what ways did Pharaoh favor Joseph's brothers (vv. 16-20)? How does that contrast with the Pharaoh of Moses' day (see Exodus 1:8-22)?

3. The Truth Revives. (Genesis 45:21-28)

Why was it necessary that Joseph instruct his brothers not to "quarrel on the way." (v. 24)?

What kind of evidence did it take for Jacob to believe his sons' truthful report that Joseph was alive?

In what ways is evidence important in conveying the truth?

DO

Committing to the whole truth is essential to the life of the follower of Jesus Christ. Share with the group what you plan to do differently this week in order to firm up your commitment to Truth.