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“The Word in the World” Devotional Sharing

God's Hand, Human Reconciliation (Genesis 45:1–15)

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The Pain Caused by Broken Relationships

Ever since sin entered the world through one person, human relationships have been plagued by misunderstandings, jealousy, betrayal, silence, indifference, and many other disturbances. From Cain killing Abel onwards, these attitudes have divided families, societies, nations, and even the whole world into irrational opposing sides. We continue to see such conflicts played out on the world stage every day.

The story of Joseph in Genesis is not a fairy tale. Betrayal, false accusations, violence, and sin are just as real in every generation. Yet Genesis 45 tells us that God can bring reconciliation to broken relationships.

Forgiveness Requires Us to Come Out of Suppression (45:1–2)

When Joseph learned that his brothers had treated Benjamin kindly, he could no longer control himself and wept aloud. This was the first step towards forgiveness. Joseph came out of years of suppressing his emotions and allowed God to touch the wounds within him.

Joseph's tears showed that he acknowledged the reality of the hurt he had experienced. Broken relationships cannot be resolved simply by saying, “It's all right now.” This reminds us that we need to acknowledge the reality of having been hurt and have the willingness to move beyond that pain. As believers, we must open ourselves and allow God to intervene.

From “You Harmed Me” to “God Sent Me” (45:5–8)

Joseph repeatedly declared: “It was not you who sent me here, but God” (45:8). This was not Joseph making excuses for his brothers. Rather, after reflecting deeply on his own story, he came to this conclusion:

- Joseph was able to forgive not because he was simply “big-hearted”, but because he saw God's greater plan in his life.
- Although his brothers had treated him wickedly, God's plan was greater than their sin.
- God can transform human evil into His good purposes.

Joseph Actively Forgave and Pursued Reconciliation (45:14–15)

The passage tells us that Joseph first embraced Benjamin and wept. He then kissed all his brothers and wept with them, and afterwards they talked with one another.

Joseph did not stop at merely saying, “I forgive you.” He took the initiative to act and then spoke openly with his brothers. Although the passage does not give us the details of their conversation, it must have included Joseph’s own experiences, as well as the life of his father and family in Canaan.

Honest communication is an essential part of reconciliation. Forgiveness begins with the individual, but reconciliation requires both sides to walk the journey together.

How Can We Live Out the Life of Joseph?

- **In our families: Reinterpret the hurts we have experienced from God’s perspective. We cannot change the past, but God can change the way we understand our past.**
- **In the church: Become agents of reconciliation. The church is not made up of perfect people, but of people who have been restored by God and gathered together. Since we have all received forgiveness from God and have been reconciled to God and to one another, as Paul teaches, we are all indebted to the gospel. One of the best ways to repay that debt is to become people of peace and help ourselves and others become agents of reconciliation.**
- **In our personal lives: Allow God’s sovereignty to overcome the wounds caused by others. When we see God’s hand and reflect on His purposes, we can begin to let go of our own hurts and surrender them to Him.**

Conclusion

The story of Joseph being reunited with his brothers is not a story of a perfect, happily-ever-after family. It is a story of God doing a new thing in the midst of brokenness.

God can turn the starting point of hurt into a starting point of blessing. He can transform broken relationships into testimonies of His grace.

May we, like Joseph, find the strength to forgive in God’s sovereignty, and through His grace move towards reconciliation and embrace.



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Church Family News Sharing

1. The Circuit will hold a Welcoming Service for Deacon Melissa Wheeler in the Main Hall at 11am on 13th September. We warmly invite everyone to reserve the date and join us as we give thanks for her arrival and celebrate the beginning of this new chapter in her ministry.
2. The Sunday School is in need of some English NIV Bibles. Brothers and sisters are welcome to donate NIV Bibles that are in good condition and suitable for use, so that the children can use them for learning and study. If you would like to donate, please give the Bibles to Church Administrator.
3. Staff News: Rev. Linberg Wong will be on annual leave from 18th – 31st August; Church Administrator will be on annual leave on 21st & 24th August.
4. Euromission Ministry will be holding a Worship Revival Gathering on Saturday 19th September, in Ilford, London, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is £10. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and broaden their vision for mission work across Europe. The ministry is also recruiting worship team members to serve at the event and welcomes believers of all nationalities and ethnic backgrounds to participate. For more information, please refer to the “Meetings and Events” section on the last few pages or contact Church Administrator. For registration, please click: [David Hathaway | Release Now Conference | 19 September 2026 | Ilford — Eurovision](#)
5. LiFEgame will be held from 21st to 23rd December in Northampton. Those who register on or before 31st October can enjoy the Super Early Bird rate of £160 per person. If you have not attended before, you are strongly encouraged to join this life-changing journey. For enquiries or registration, please refer to the “Meetings and Events” section on the last few pages or visit: <http://lifegame.co.uk/join-lifegame/>

Meetings & Events

West London Mission Circuit Welcome Service for the Deacon Melissa Wheeler

Date: Sunday 13th September

Time: 11am

Venue:

Main Hall, King's Cross Methodist Church



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