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**Series:** Genesis - Meant for Good

**Sermon Title:** Reconciliation, Reunion, and Provision

**Scripture:** [Genesis 45:1-46:30](#)

**MAIN IDEA:** Resting in God's providence by knowing His revealed Word frees our will for godly reconciliation and reuniting for God's good purposes.

**OUTLINE:**

1. Joseph comforts his brothers because he rests in God's revealed purposes, leading to reconciliation (45:1-28)
  1. Joseph weeps over his brothers (1-2)
  2. Joseph reveals himself to his brothers (3-4)
  3. Joseph comforts his brothers with the pillow of divine providence (5-8)
    1. Providence: "the act of purposefully providing for, or sustaining and governing the world."
    2. The Heidelberg Catechism (1563) says this well:  
Question 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?  
Answer. The almighty, everywhere-present power of God, whereby, as it were by his hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things come not by chance, but by his fatherly hand. (John Piper, Providence (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2020), 33.)
4. APPLICATION: Forgive one another as Joseph forgave his brothers and as God has forgiven you in Christ ([Eph. 4:32](#); [Mt. 6:12, 14-15](#); [Ps. 103:10-12](#)).
  1. Trust God, knowing His kind and good providential hand is at work when others sin against you
  2. Practically forget the offense ([Jer. 31:34](#))
  3. Demonstrate love to the offender as Joseph does here (10-13)
    1. Love seeks the best interest of the one being loved. This does not necessarily mean being immediately restored in a relationship that is dangerous.
    2. One aspect of love another person is actually removing the situation they are dependent on for their control. You're essentially giving them over to God to deal with them, and hopefully save them, or bring them to renewed repentance.

5. Joseph sends his brothers to comfort and bring his father (9-15)
6. Pharaoh hears, is pleased and empowers the journey (16-28)
2. God comforts Jacob with His very presence as He moves and is reunited with Joseph for God's good purposes (46:1-30; *primarily 1-4*)
  1. Jacob (Israel) worships at Beersheba (1)
    1. Beersheba was where Abraham's grandfather made a treaty with Abimelech and Phicol (Gen 21:31-34).
    2. Beersheba was the place where God tested Abraham by telling him to sacrifice Isaac (Jacob's father) (Gen 22:1-19).
    3. Beersheba was the place where Isaac was first spared
    4. ...the same place where God told Isaac (during another famine), "do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land I tell you; the land I will give you and I will bless you, establishing the oath that I swore to Abraham" ( [Gen 26:1-5](#)).
  2. Israel's heart was at home seeking God's blessing in the place where God revealed Himself and blessed Abraham, Isaac, and now Jacob.

Is your heart/mind at home seeking God's presence through His defined place of blessing in His Word through the power of the Holy Spirit? (John. 15:1-17; Heb. 4:12)

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. How does Joseph rest in God's kind providence? How does this affect his attitude and character?
2. What was God's purpose in bringing the house of Israel to Egypt?
3. How does Joseph illustrate the principle that forgiving involves (practically) forgetting?
4. What promises do you make when you forgive someone?
5. What does Joseph do to show his brothers that he has truly forgiven them?
6. What should you do to help those who seek your forgiveness?
7. What should you do if you don't feel like forgiving someone?
8. How was Joseph able to forgive his brothers?
9. How does Christ help us to forgive others?
10. Is your heart/mind at home seeking God's presence through His defined place of blessing in His Word through the power of the Holy Spirit? (John. 15:1-17; Heb. 4:12)