

# Part 7: Fear and Forgiveness

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Genesis 45:5 (ESV)- And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for <u>God sent me before you to preserve life</u>.

#### REVIEW

- ◆ The Request
- ◆ The Reluctance
- ◆ The Recognition
- ◆ The Revealing
- **→** The Recognition

God works to bring about good for His people!

Notes:	 	 	

# 1. THE FEAR

Genesis 42:35 (ESV)- As they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. And when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid.

# 2. THE FORBIDDING

Genesis 42:36 (ESV)- But he said, "My son shall not go down with you...

# 3. THE FRUSTRATION

Genesis 43:6 (ESV)- Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?"

# 4. THE FEAST

Genesis 43:12, 34 (ESV)- When Joseph saw Benjamin...he said to the steward..., "Bring the men into the house...for the men are to dine with me at noon...And they drank and were merry with him.

#### 5. THE FRISKING

Genesis 44:12 (ESV)- And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

#### 6. THE FORGIVENESS

Genesis 45:15 (ESV)- And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him

# **Life Application Section**

# A. Resist the temptation to <u>expect</u> the <u>worst</u>

Genesis 42:36 (ESV) And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: <u>Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin...</u>

#### B. Desire to <u>forgive</u> others <u>completely</u>.

Genesis 45:5 (ESV)- And now <u>do not be distressed or angry with yourselves</u> because you sold me here...

# C. Look for God's <u>providence</u> in your <u>situation</u>.

Genesis 45:7 (ESV)- And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

**Here Is The Point:** The right perspective is powerful...