

Joseph Revealed - Week 17

Gen 44:33-45:8 "Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers. 34 How can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? No! Do not let me see the misery that would come upon my father."

45:1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. 6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. 7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.
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Judah has made an appeal to Joseph's patience, to his pity, and now he appeals to his _____.

1. The _____ Revelation

- I imagine _____ and dread rushed into the brothers' hearts.
- The _____ memories had to flood their minds.

2. The _____ Revelation

- Joseph's tears were tears of _____ and hope.
- I believe that many of us have a need for _____ --to receive it and to also give it.

C.S. Lewis "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive."

- Forgiveness for the believer is not just a nice thing to do, it is _____.

3. The _____ Revelation

- When you are at the _____ point in life, God may be doing His greatest work in you and your family.
- When you feel you're at the highest point in your life and can't really go any further, you're _____.

Heb 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- God was perfecting Joseph's _____ and now He is perfecting the brothers.
- Joseph, by telling who he was, was not _____ them. He identified exactly who he was.

4. The _____ Revelation

- The _____ of God was activated long before Joseph revealed himself.
- Joseph's revelation was successful, not just in showing them who he was, but also in pricking their _____ to show them what they were.
- They had a need of _____.

Joseph's Purposes and Provisions

- First _____ with his family had to be at the top of his list.
- Joseph already had a _____ in place for the brothers.
- The brother's _____ ---God _____.
Calvary represents the greatest possible _____ in man's dealing with God and the greatest possible _____ in God's dealing with man.
- Joseph had a future _____ in mind.
- Joseph's purpose was to bring _____ to God.
- Joseph's purpose was also about _____.

Final Thoughts

- Joseph was _____ and full of grace.
- The results of grace:
 1. It gave them _____.
Goshen means to _____.
 2. It gave them _____.