

Message Notes

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Origin Story (But God)

Genesis 42-45

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Joseph Tests His Brothers

- ◆ The brothers _____, for the first time, what they did to Joseph was wrong. *Gen 42:21-22*
- ◆ Will the brothers _____ another one of their own, or have they truly changed?
- ◆ Will the brothers _____ the most vulnerable or sacrifice him?
- ◆ Judah was willing to act as a _____, and sacrifice himself to save his brother Benjamin. *Gen 44:18-34*
- ◆ The brothers are no longer the _____.

But God

For two years now there has been famine in the land...But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me, but God. *Genesis 45:6-8a*

- ◆ Joseph believed what had happened to him was part of God's plan to _____ His people and bring about a great _____.
- ◆ Our _____ separates us from God. The consequence of sin is _____.

But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. It is only by God's grace that you have been saved. *Eph 2:4-5*

- ◆ _____ = not getting what we deserve.
- ◆ _____ = self-sacrificing, unconditional love that gives of itself for the good of another. *Jn 3:16, 15:13; Rom 5:8; 1 Jn 4:9*
- ◆ Jesus _____ and _____ us from sin and death. *2 Cor 5:21*
- ◆ God makes us _____ by giving us a new nature. *2 Cor 5:17; Gal 2:20*
- ◆ All of this is _____ – a gift we cannot earn or deserve.
- ◆ “_____” faith is trusting God, even when nothing makes sense.
- ◆ Where is God _____ you to live with “But God” faith?

Joseph's Life Arc (Genesis 37-41)

