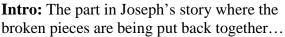
Message Outline

Joseph: The Road to Reconciliation

Genesis 42-45



- Last week, redeeming work...this week, redeeming the family.
- 41:53-57—Famine is far reaching...
- **42:1-5**—Joseph's only full-blood brother...
- v.6—Dream fulfilled...God's plan prevails! v.7-17—Why is our hero being harsh? A "test" of character for reconciliation (v.15-16).
- v.18-22—Prison produces a flashback...
- v.23-28—A test to see if they'll come back for a brother...
- v.29-38—Telling dad the whole story...
- 43:1-15—Food running low but can't go without Benjamin...
- v.16-34—Brother's paranoia tied to past deed.
 - Dinner details...seating and portion sizes...
- 44:1-5—Servants orders: silver cup in sack...
- v.6-13—Cup in Benjamin's bag...a trap to see if brothers will bolt on favored son again! v.14-34—Judah's willing sacrifice to stay in
- brother's place! 45:1-15—The sacrifice that sends Joseph to tears and reveals identity...
 - You sold me...God sent me (cf. v.5, 8)!

What Twenty Plus Years and a Trail of Tears Reveals

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- Of all Joseph accomplished, Scripture keeps coming back to the homelife...
- - Forgiveness takes 1; reconciliation takes 2...
 - "I forgive you, but I don't trust you"...trust takes time and character tests.
- - By His wounds, our wounds healed (cf. Is.53:4-5).