

## Message Outline

*Joseph: The Road to Reconciliation*

### Genesis 42-45



**Intro:** The part in Joseph's story where the broken pieces are being put back together...

- 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

1) \_\_\_\_\_

- Of all Joseph accomplished, Scripture keeps coming back to the homelife...

2) \_\_\_\_\_

- Forgiveness takes 1; reconciliation takes 2...
- "I forgive you, but I don't trust you"...trust takes time and character tests.

3) \_\_\_\_\_

- By His wounds, our wounds healed (cf. Is.53:4-5).