



*Live the Dream
Joseph: A Life Shaped by God*

Genesis 45:1-14

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VII. The Dream of Relational Healing is Always Primary to God (Gen 42-45)

- A. God's dream is for reconciliation: He has made a way
(Gen 45:5-9; II Cor 5:16-21)*
- B. Forgiveness is a must: healing can not take place without it (Gen 45-50)*
- C. It may take longer than you think: but God is at work (Gen 41:51; 45:6)*
- D. Must choose to imitate God and be biblical in our behavior
(Gen 42-45; Rom 13:14; Col 3:12-14)*
 - 1. Joseph followed the God pattern (Gen 42-45)*
 - 2. We must choose to follow the behavior of Christ (Rom 13:14)*
 - 3. Biblical behavior is clear in dealing with others (Col 3:12-14)*
 - a. Compassion: care for the hurting*
 - b. Kindness: nice to others*
 - c. Humility: showing preference to others*
 - d. Gentleness: careful with others*
 - e. Patience: bear with others*
 - f. Love: unconditional good will*
- E. Must trust God to bring healing to others (Gen 37-50; II Tim 2:24-26)*