

“Pursuing Reconciliation”

Genesis 43:15-44:34

Overview of Genesis 43:15-44:34

The Five Building Blocks of Reconciliation:

1. Reconciliation is not the same as forgiveness.

“Then he commanded the steward of his house, ‘Fill the men’s sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man’s money in the mouth of his sack, and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain.’” And he did as Joseph told him.

As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, ‘Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, ‘Why have you repaid evil for good? Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination? You have done evil in doing this.’”

(Genesis 44:1–5 ESV)

“And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.”

(Genesis 45:5–7 ESV)

2. Reconciliation requires confession.

“And Judah said, ‘What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord’s servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found.’”

(Genesis 44:16 ESV)

3. Reconciliation requires repentance and transformation.

“‘Now therefore, as soon as I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy’s life, as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.’ Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father.’”

(Genesis 44:30–34 ESV)

4. Reconciliation comes with a high cost.

*“Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there.”
(Genesis 43:30 ESV)*

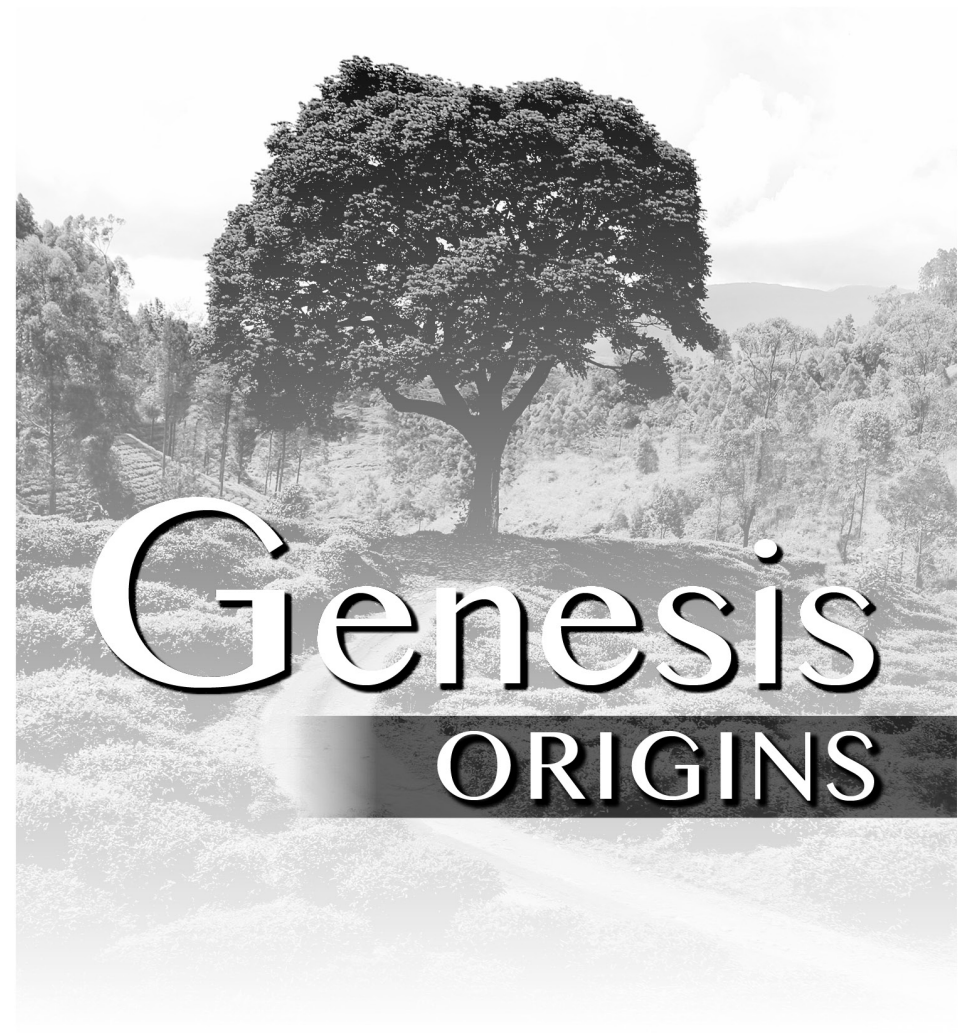
5 .Reconciliation models the gospel.

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Pursuing Reconciliation:

Am I content in sin or content in him?

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Pursuing Reconciliation

October 30, 2016

Sundays

CW Classes Hour
Worship Service



9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.