

# ***Good Morning & Welcome***

***Lets Begin By Dismissing Our Kids ;  
Kids Quest Areas Of Ministry!***



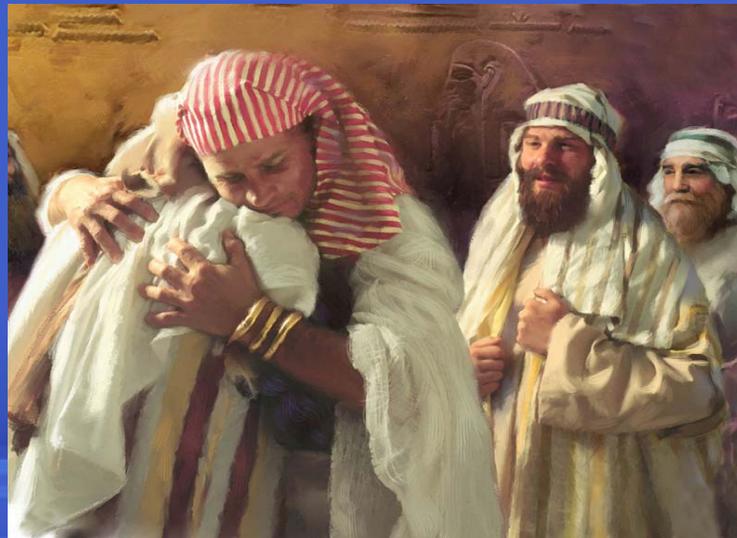
***This Morning We Continue Our  
Journey In The Life Of Joseph!***

***Text:***

***Genesis 45:16 - 46:7,28-34!***

***Title:***

***Joseph's Family Reunion!***



# ***Let's Get Into The Inspired Text!***



# ***The Breakdown of the Section Before Us!***

## ***The Story of Joseph:***

***I. (41:53-44:34) The MYSTERY Phase of the Story!***

***II. (45:1-24) The MAJESTY Phase of the Story!***

***III. (45:47-47:10) The MINISTRY Phase of the Story!***



# ***True Greatness Results From A Proper Attitude!***

***If you're under the impression that you're going to become great because of some great feat or accomplishment you've achieved, you're simply wrong! This morning we will learn that greatness comes through a spirit-filled attitude – an attitude of humility before our fellow man, and forgiveness before our loving and holy God.***



# ***Our Journey Through The Story of Joseph Continues!***

***Last week we witnessed an unplanned, unannounced, and unexpected reunion between Joseph and his brothers.***

***This morning, we will see Joseph's brothers traveling back to Canaan to share the incredible news – that Joseph is alive – to their father. They will then tell him that Joseph has invited them to live with him in Egypt – in the land of Goshen. And Jacob will see that his son Joseph, once thought to be dead, has sent wagons and provisions to make the long journey back to Egypt as comfortable as can be. Jacob and his family are invited to a permanent family reunion, where they will be cared for by the great Zaphenath-paneah over all Egypt.***

# ***An Overview of the First Section!***

***I. (41:53-44:34) The MYSTERY Phase of the Story!***

***A. (41:53-42:34) How Joseph's Brothers were  
BURDENED!***

***B. (42:35-43:34) How Joseph's Brothers were  
BEWILDERED!***

***C. (44:1-43) How Joseph's Brothers were  
BROKEN!***

***II. (45:1-24) The MAJESTY Phase of the Story!***

# Today's Sermon Outline!

## I. (45:16-28) **Joseph Invites His Family to a Reunion!**

A. (vs.16-23) The **RESOURCES** of Joseph.

1. (vs.16-20) The **SOURCE** of the Resources.

a. (vs.1-2) The **Setting**: Joseph reveals himself.

b. (v.16) The **Scene**: Pharaoh rejoices.

c. (vs.17-20) The **Story**: Pharaoh's response.

1.) (vs.17-18) Pharaoh's **compassion** is announced.

2.) (vs.19-20) Pharaoh's **command** is archived.

# Today's Sermon Outline!

- A. (vs.16-23) The **RESOURCES** of Joseph.
  - 1. (vs.16-20) The **SOURCE** of the Resources.
  - 2. (vs.21-23) The **SUFFICIENCY** of the Resources.
    - a. (v.21) The **Command**: Carried out by Joseph.
    - b. (v.22) The **Clothing**: Cash also given to Benjamin.
    - c. (v.23) The **Compassion**: Comfort for Jacob's Trip.

# ***Today's Sermon Outline!***

A. (vs.16-23) The **RESOURCES** of Joseph.

B. (v.24) The **REQUEST** of Joseph.

1. Focus **PAST**: Jacob may hear about the selling of Joseph.

2. Focus **FUTURE**: Joseph may seek revenge.

Here Joseph reminds his brothers not to worry because all that has happened is a result of God's hand of sovereignty, and therefore, is to be considered a time for unity, and praise, and rejoicing.

# ***Today's Sermon Outline!***

- A. (vs.16-23) The **RESOURCES** of Joseph.
- B. (v.24) The **REQUEST** of Joseph.
- C. (vs.25-28) The **REALITY** of Joseph.
  - 1. (v.25) The Journey is **RESUMED**.
  - 2. (v.26a) The **REVELATION** about Joseph.
  - 3. (v.26b) The **REACTION** of Jacob.
  - 4. (v.27) The **REVIVAL** of Jacob's Spirit.
  - 5. (v.28) The **RESPONSE** of the Aging Jacob.

# ***Today's Sermon Outline!***

- I. (45:16-28) ***Joseph Invites His Family to a Reunion!***
- II. (46:7, 28-34) ***Jacob and His Family Respond!***

**In chapter 45**, Joseph is convinced that his brothers have repented of their sins against him. He has also become aware that his brothers have a genuine concern for their aging father's well being. Thus, he sought an opportunity to reveal himself to them – “I am Joseph!”

**It is in chapter 46**, that Moses turns our attention away from Joseph's compassion for his family and toward Jacob's commitment to see his son Joseph face to face. But before leaving for Egypt he will go to Beersheba to worship the God of his fathers, one last time.

# ***Today's Sermon Outline!***

I. (45:16-28) ***Joseph Invites His Family to a Reunion!***

II. (46:7, 28-34) ***Jacob and His Family Respond!***

A. (46:1-4) The ***VISION*** from the Lord.

1. (v.1) Jacob's ***REVERENCE*** of the Lord.

Before making the long journey to Egypt, Jacob will stop for the last time in Beersheba to worship his God. Beersheba is the place where Jacob grew up under the loving care of his father, Isaac. Now, well advanced in years, Jacob knows that he will never see his childhood home again. So he will stop, for the last time, in the land given to his fathers – Abraham, Isaac, and their descendants forever – to say good-bye!

# ***Today's Sermon Outline!***

## II. (46:7, 28-34) ***Jacob and His Family Respond!***

A. (46:1-4) The ***VISION*** from the Lord.

1. (v.1) Jacob's ***REVERENCE*** of the Lord.

2. (vs.2-4) The Lord's ***RESPONSE*** to Jacob.

a. (v.2) Jacob is ***Approached*** by God in a dream.

b. (v.3) The Lord ***Assures*** Jacob of His purpose.

c. (v.4) The Lord ***Acknowledges*** His promise.

# Today's Sermon Outline!

## II. (46:7, 28-34) Jacob and His Family Respond!

A. (46:1-4) The VISION from the Lord.

B. (46:5-7, 28-34) The VOYAGE to Egypt.

1. (vs.5-7) The Family REACHES Egypt.

Note: (v.26) The # of descendents with Jacob.

(v.27) The # of descendents with those in Egypt.

Exodus – Around 2 ½ million Jews return to the land of promise.

2. (vs.28-29) The RESPONSE of Joseph.

Upon hearing (from Judah) that Jacob was near the land of Goshen, Joseph immediately prepares his chariot and goes out to meet his aging father. As a result of God's grace, they finally stand face to face before each other. After many years, they now have the opportunity to embrace and shed tears of joy.

# Today's Sermon Outline!

## II. (46:7, 28-34) Jacob and His Family Respond!

- A. (46:1-4) The VISION from the Lord.
- B. (46:5-7, 28-34) The VOYAGE to Egypt.
- C. (46:30-34) The VIGILANCE (or care) of the Family.
  - 1. (v.30) Israel's RESPONSE to God's Promise.
  - 2. (vs.31-32) Joseph's REPORT to Pharaoh.
  - 3. (vs.33-34) Brother's REPLY to the Question.



## ***Today's Application!***

### **True Greatness is the Result of a Proper Attitude**

The story of Joseph's reunion with his family is only one of the great reunions recorded in the Bible. And it, along with the others, can be seen as a foreshadowing of the soon coming and greatest reunion of all – The one mentioned in I Thessalonians 4:14-18!



# **Today's Application!**

## **True Greatness is the Result of a Proper Attitude**

*Earlier in our journey we saw Joseph's brothers conspiring in hate against him. Yet, despite the unfair circumstances Joseph faced and the many years of loneliness he was forced to endure, he responds in love and compassion towards his brothers. His example parallels the teaching given to us (believers) today:*

### **Proverbs 20:22**

*Do not say, "I will repay evil! Wait for the Lord ... !"*

### **I Thessalonians 5:15**

*See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for another and for all people.*

### **Golden Rule!**

## ***Today's Application!***

### **True Greatness is the Result of a Proper Attitude**

***Joseph's resources were derived directly from the throne of Pharaoh. Therefore what Joseph promised in grace, Pharaoh confirmed by decree. Thus the resources of the throne of Pharaoh, were laid at Joseph's families feet. Today we (believers) also have been offered grace through the person and work of Christ. And what Christ has promised in grace, God confirms by decree. And our decree does not come from an earthly throne, but rather from a heavenly one.***

# ***Application for Us Today!***

## ***Forming the Right Attitude!***

a. (45:5) ***God sent me ...*** When we begin to understand that God is sovereign, and in His sovereignty has placed us in the place that we are in (because that's where He wants us to be), we will then be able ***to form*** a right attitude.

# ***Application for Us Today!***

## ***Forming the Right Attitude!***

***b. (45:8-9) God made me ...*** When we learn how to sense God's hand of sovereignty in our situation, no matter how surprising or confusing it may appear to be, our attitudes are beginning ***to move*** in the right direction. Remember, God is working in our lives to conform us into the image of Christ.

# ***Application for Us Today!***

## ***Forming the Right Attitude!***

*c. (45:7) **God sent me** ... When we come to realize that His ways are better than our ways and that He always keeps His promises, we will begin **to accept** His sovereign plan for our lives. And when we seek to mirror His righteousness, even though at times there may be evil and pain in the process, we know that our attitudes are where God wants them to be.*

# *Next Week Joseph Reports to Pharaoh!*

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