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**Joseph Reunites With His Family**

Genesis 46:1-4, 28-30

**Key Truth:** Love and forgiveness are key ingredients for sustainable family relationships.

**The Family Reunites in Egypt:**

1. Jacob sets out for Egypt with God’s blessing and assurance.

 **Genesis 46:1-4**

2. Joseph provides for Jacob and his brothers during the famine.

 **Genesis 47:11-12**

3. Joseph reassures his brothers of his forgiveness and love for

 them. **Genesis 50:15-20**

 A. Joseph left vengeance and vindication in the hands of God.

 Romans 12:14-21

**What We Can Learn:**

1. We can trust that God is working in us to accomplish His plan.

 **Philippians 1:6**

2. If God has given you a dream, no one can stop what God has

 purposed for you. **Romans 8:28**

3. Forgiven someone doesn’t mean acting like it never

 happened.

4. When Jesus says, “He forgives You”, believe Him.

5. Reconciliation is the hope and purpose of the gospel.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for His providence over your life. Allow Him to develop in you a Christ-like attitude of love and forgiveness in all aspects of your relationships.

**Food For Thought**

What do we learn about our own family relationships from the life of Joseph?

Read Genesis 46:1-7: What was the point of God’s message to Jacob at this time (vv. 3-4)? Why do you think Jacob needed to hear from God?

When do you usually need to hear a word from the Lord most?

In what ways has your faith in God enabled you to deal with times of apprehension in your life?

What role should God’s promises play when we are facing our fear of change?

How does the Lord share in our joy when we are reconciled with our loved ones?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20: Who do you know that needs to be reconciled to God? What role can you play in helping them come to faith in Jesus Christ?