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Genesis 45:1-15 | Pastor Pat Stream

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SERMON NOTES

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Is. 64:4 (God's Character)

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: Is there anyone you used to be really good friends with but you haven't seen them in a while and you wonder how they're doing? What do you miss about that friendship?

Note About the Passage: Since chapter 43, Joseph has been putting his estranged brothers through a series of tests meant to expose their guilt, put them in touch with the fear of the Lord, and give them an opportunity to do what is right. Today's scripture reading is the climax of the Joseph story.

Read Genesis 45:1-15

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: What are some of the most powerful and moving moments in this story? Why?

O: What do we learn about forgiveness and restoration? What makes forgiveness hard? What makes it possible? What dynamics are at work in relationships when forgiveness and restoration take place?

O: What can this passage can teach you about God and his purposes in the midst of really difficult circumstances?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: Is there a specific relationship or situation in your life that needs restoring? What is hindering that restoration from happening? Is it on your end or their end? What do you think restoration would look like?

A: Is there a specific hardship that you are facing right now? What specifically do you think God might be doing in the midst of it? What do you need right now to patiently endure your situation?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.