

Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: **Genesis 45 Pt 2**

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Message Outline ...

Forgiveness principles ...

1. Forgiveness does not mean you forget.
 - Jeremiah 31:34
 2. Forgiveness does not mean you do not hurt.
 3. Forgiveness does not mean you give up on justice.
 - Romans 12:19
 4. Forgiveness is a continual process not a point.
 5. Forgiveness is a choice to relinquish and trust.
 - Genesis 45:5
 6. Forgiveness is a requirement.
 - Matthew 6:12
 7. Forgiveness will lead to desiring the best for the one who hurt you.
 - Romans 12:17-21.
 8. Forgiveness will lead to freedom.
 - Ephesians 4:31-32
 9. Forgiveness will lead to forgiveness.
 - Matthew 6:14-15
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Questions for Growth ...

Re-read Genesis chapter 45 ~

◆ What makes forgiveness so difficult?

◆ How do you handle hurt? Think of a time someone hurt you. What was your reaction and response to that person when you first saw them after they'd hurt you?

- ◆ Where does God play in this story? Who speaks of God and how do they do so?

- ◆ How does the story and life of Joseph help you as you endure trials, suffering and even injustice?

- ◆ Vs 21-24 - Joseph added to the generosity of Pharaoh and provided additional resources. How do you think his brothers reacted to this? Why do you think he told them, "Don't quarrel on the way"?

- ◆ What important point resonated with you regarding this message and why?

- ◆ As you face the challenge of forgiving and releasing others, what do you find most challenging about the example of Joseph? Search "forgiveness" online ... (Bible verses ... forgiveness). List some meaningful verses to remember on forgiveness here:

- ◆ If you have not heard this message, you can find it at <https://ridgelinecc.org/for-good/>