

SEEING GOD'S HAND

GENESIS 45:1-47:31

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The longer we walk with Jesus,
the more we **RECOGNIZE GOD'S HAND** (45:1-15)

even in the hardest things 45:5-8 Romans 8:28ff; James 1:2-3; Psalm 23:4

enabling us to forgive 45:14-15 Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13; Matthew 6:14-15

and **TAKE RISKS** to follow him (45:16-46:7)

seek God and trust him 46:1-3 Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 30:21

obey with courage 46:5-7 Joshua 1:9; Hebrews 11:8; Acts 4:13

for God's glory, others' good, and **OUR JOY**. (46:28-47:31)

others' good & God's glory 47:7-12 Matthew 5:16; Galatians 6:10; 1 Peter 4:10-11

our joy 47:27-31 John 15:10-11; Psalm 16:11; Nehemiah 8:10



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Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card (pew rack or in the app), or contact the church office! Most groups break for the holidays, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!



In the meantime, check out a **Summer Group** this summer! They are casual groups set up around a variety of activities intended to help you form more connections and friendships across Wawasee Bible.



Learn About Each Group & Sign Up in the Church Center App!

Food for Thought...

- Recognizing God's Hand in Trials:** How does Joseph's declaration in **Genesis 45:5-8** ("God sent me before you to preserve life") demonstrate his ability to see God's purpose in his hardships? Reflect on a difficult situation in your life. How can trusting God's sovereignty, as Joseph did, help you find purpose in your pain?

- Forgiveness Through Faith: Read Ephesians 4:32 and Colossians 3:13.** How do these verses illuminate Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers in **Genesis 45:14-15**? Consider someone you struggle to forgive. How can growing in your walk with Jesus, as Joseph did, enable you to extend grace to them?

WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue three things:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more* than you consume!

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Genesis 45:4-8 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁴ So **Joseph said** to his **brothers**, "**Come** near to me, **please**." And they **came** near. And he **said**, "I am your **brother, Joseph**, whom you **sold** into **Egypt**."

⁵ And now do not be **distressed** or **angry** with yourselves **because** you **sold** me **here**, for God **sent** me before you to **preserve life**."

⁶ 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**. ⁷ And God **sent** me before you to **preserve** for you a **remnant** on **earth**, and to **keep alive** for you **many survivors**. ⁸ So it was not you who **sent** me **here**, but God. He has **made** me a **father** to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the **land** of **Egypt**."

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Food for Thought (continued)

3. **Seeking God's Guidance:** In **Genesis 46:1-3**, Jacob pauses at Beersheba to seek God's will before moving to Egypt. Why was this step crucial, and how did God's response shape his decision? Journal about a current decision you face. How can you intentionally seek God's guidance through prayer or Scripture to trust him more?

4. **Courageous Obedience:** Compare **Joshua 1:9** and **Hebrews 11:8** with Jacob's bold move to Egypt in **Genesis 46:5-7**. How do these scriptures highlight the courage required to obey God's call? Identify a step of obedience God may be calling you to take (e.g., serving, sharing faith). What fears must you overcome, and how can trust in God's presence help?



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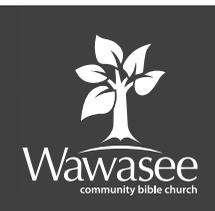
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