

Joseph: Dare 2 Dream 6

Genesis 44:27-45:15

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How did God speak to you through Sunday's message on Joseph

POINT: DARE to FORGIVE—it offers a fresh start

1. Read Gen 45:1-15. If we put ourselves in the brothers' sandals, what does Joseph say here that offers us insights to forgiveness?
2. What does forgiving do to our anger?
3. What has God done through the life of Joseph? Can you think of a situation in which God has worked or wishes to work through you to bring forgiveness or restoration?
4. Read v5, 7, and v8. Why do you think Joseph stressed that it was God three times? How do we reconcile this with v4-5? Why do you think it was important for the brothers?
5. We are in the forgiveness business, because we have been forgiven by God! Read Matt 6:14-15; Eph 4:31-32; Matt 5:43-45 and discuss what it takes to follow these verses.
6. 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? Have you given your hurt to God? What has God done with it?