

“I Am Joseph!”
Genesis 42:1–45:28
February 18, 2024

Transformation

“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:12–13)

Reconciliation

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” (Matthew 10:16)

“But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.” (John 2:24–25)

Providence

“God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise.” (The Baptist Faith and Message 2000)

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:17–21)

Notes

Discuss

- What is it about this climax to the Joseph story that is so captivating to you?
- In what situations (real or hypothetical) should the possibility of transformation be an encouragement?
- Do you think that there is practical guidance in this story for people seeking reconciliation in hard relationships?
- How do you see Jesus in this story, and what about how this story teaches us about him ministers to you in your current circumstances?
- How does understanding the providence of God enable forgiveness and reconciliation?

Read

Matthew 5:43–48; 10:16–25; John 2:23–25; 2 Corinthians 5:11–21

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will help you to trust the sovereign will of God for you.

Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry Gatherings: First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Men's Breakfast: March 9 at 8:00am
- Members' Meeting: March 10 at 5:00pm