

(Genesis 43 - 45)  
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NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **"Healing Happens In Phases"**
  - (Genesis 43 - 45) NKJV

**~ INTRO ~**

OK...

- As we near the end of our Genesis Study...
  - There are a few more scenes playing out...
    - Thru the natural relationships and plans of God.

LET'S START...

- By remembering the **big picture** of Genesis once more:
  - 1) God created the heavens & the earth (Gen. 1-2)
    - And all that is in them... And He said *it was good!*
  - 2) Man disobeyed God & sin entered the world (Gen. 3).
    - Fellowship with God was broken.
  - 3) Sin spread in Adams family and Cain killed his brother Abel (Gen. 4).
  - 4) Death spread to all mankind (Gen. 5).
  - 5) God destroyed the earth & all living things in it (Gen. 6-8).
    - One family was saved from the flood – Noah.
  - 6) God used this chosen family (Noah) to re-populate the earth (Gen. 9).
  - 7) Later... God chose Abraham to start the nation – **Israel**...
    - And in (Gen. 12 – 50) the focus is on four main characters:
      - Abraham
      - Isaac
      - Jacob
      - Joseph

TONIGHT...

- The story line is tapering down in Genesis.
  - But healing is still needed in the family among the Patriarchs...
    - Before the next sequence of history surfaces.

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(Ps. 133:1) NLT

SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS (43-45)

Famine is happening

- Joseph's brothers come to Egypt for food & return home
  - But Simeon is held in prison...
    - Until the youngest brother Benjamin is brought back.
- Back home the father (Jacob) is mad at his sons (Gen 42:36)
  - Read (Gen. 43:1-6)

**IDEA #1 – HUMILITY MAKES WAY FOR HEALING** (Chp. 43)

IN (Chp. 43:26)...

- Joseph's brothers were bowing before him.
  - They got humbled in the plan of God.

(2 Kings 5:1-19) NKJV

- A successful man in a desperate place (leprosy) (v.1)
- He tried to buy his way out of his problem (self-sufficiency) (v.5)
- But healing came in a way he didn't want...
  - It required an act of humility (vv.10-14)

**\*Joseph's brothers were all bowing before Joseph!**

**IDEA #2 – STEPS OF HEALING** (Chp. 44)

IN THIS CHAPTER...

- Judah recounts the steps Joseph put his brothers thru.
  - He sent them out of town back to Canaan...
    - And harassed them a little.

YOU CAN'T HELP BUT SEE THE HUMOR IN IT...

- As he gets a few little digs into his older brothers.

BUT...

- May we can recognize the plan of God in our lives...

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- As something... He unfolds little-by-little.
  - Healing in phases.

(Mark 8:22-26) NLT

- i. Change of location (v.23a)
- ii. A strange touch – spit (v.23b)
- iii. A second touch (v.25)
- iv. Don't go back to old habits (v.26)

**\*THESE ARE PRACTICAL STEPS IN HEALING.**

**IDEA #3 – YOUR HEALING TESTIFIES OF GOD’S GRACE**

IN JOSEPHS CASE...

- The work God had done testified of God’s grace.

LET ME GIVE YOU A SECOND EXAMPLE: (Mark 5:1-20) NKJV

THIS GUY WAS FREED BY JESUS...

- And wanted to go with Him.
  - But Jesus sent him home (Mark 5:18-20) NKJV

HIS TESTIMONY OF GRACE...

- Needed to be shared at home first.

SO TOO...

- God develops our character at home...
  - Before he gives us more (Ex. 23:29-30).

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

(Zech. 4:10)

*“Who has despised the day of small things?”*

Joseph went thru a lot of testing before arriving at this place of life.