

(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

- Josephs 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](#))...

- Josephs brother 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](#))

***Josephs 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.