

WHAT DOES TRUE RECONCILIATION LOOK LIKE?
JOSEPH FINALLY REVEALS HIMSELF TO HIS BROTHERS
Genesis 45:1-15

- I. TO BE RECONCILED WE MUST FIRST BE WALKING WITH THE LORD, SUBMITTING TO HIM IN EVERYTHING AND SEEING HIM AS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL THE EVENTS IN OUR LIVES WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL (Gen 37, 39-45)**

- II. WE NEED TO INITIATE RECONCILIATION AS SOON AS THERE IS REPENTANCE:** Joseph overcome with emotion finally reveals himself and his brothers are terrified **(1-3)**

- III. WE MUST CHOOSE TO FORGIVE BEFORE WE CAN RECONCILE:** Joseph obviously had already forgiven them as exhibited by his graciousness and reassurance that God turned their evil to good **(4-8)**

- IV. TRUE RECONCILIATION WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH LOVING OBEDIENT ACTION:** Joseph, giving God the glory, commands them to tell Jacob and have them all come to live in Goshen where God through him will provide for them **(9-13)**

- V. TRUE RECONCILIATION WILL RESULT IN A RESTORED RELATIONSHIP:** Joseph kissed and wept with his brothers and afterward they spoke with him **(14-15)**