

## God's Plans, Our Blessing > Genesis 45:1-28

**45:1-8** *God gave a job.* Finally, Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. They are no doubt afraid, yet Joseph has come to realize that what his brothers intended as evil, God has used for good.

**45:9-15** *The family is invited.* Not only has Joseph been blessed, not only has he finally been reconciled with his brothers, but now he also reveals even greater news: the entire family can come and live with him in Egypt where there is plenty of food.

**45:16-24** *There's a relocation package.* Even better, Jacob's move will be made smoother and more enticing by generous gifts from Pharaoh and from Joseph.

**45:25-28** *Jacob is speechless.* Ironic that the man who has so often lived by his scheming words is rendered speechless at what the Lord has done.

**Context:** Joseph has just tested his brothers and found them – Judah especially – to be radically different.

**Argument:** God lined up the events of Joseph's life to preserve his family and, ultimately, to uphold God's promise to His people.

**Gospel:** Jesus unjustly suffered on account of our sins against Him, yet His response to us is not anger, bitterness, or the judgment we deserve. Instead, what He offers is mercy, kindness, relationship, and love to all who trust Him.

**Applications:** Have you received Christ's amazing care for yourself? How are you sharing that blessing with others?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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