

## DO YOU FACTOR IN THAT GOD HAS A PLAN & PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE? {Genesis 45 & 46}

- Isaiah 25:1; Proverbs 3:5-7; Jeremiah 10:23; Psalm 32:8-9; Romans 12:1-2

When it comes to God's will for your life ...

- 1) It is revealed \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the WOG.
- 2) It is experienced \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.
- 3) It involves both God's \_\_\_\_\_ will.
- 4) It involves factoring in God's \_\_\_\_\_ & your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) It involves for the believer - past \_\_\_\_\_, present \_\_\_\_\_, and future \_\_\_\_\_ – only by His grace.
- 6) It involves the \_\_\_\_\_ life when the believer trusts the Lord to fight his battles, carry his burdens, direct his path, energize his service, produce his fruit, etc. – bringing glory to God and conditional blessings to oneself & others.
- 7) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ plan, though it involves or impacts \_\_\_\_\_.

Andrew Murray wrote years ago: *Accustom yourself in everything that happens, to recognize the hand of the Father. Before you fix your thoughts on the person who did it, first be still, and remember, God allows me to come into this trouble to see if I shall glorify Him in it. This trial, be it the greatest or the least, is allowed of God, and is His will concerning me. Let me first recognize and submit to God's will in it. Then in the rest of soul which this gives, I shall receive wisdom to know how to behave in it. With my eye turned from man to God, suffering wrong is not as hard as it seems.*"

### A. The REVELATION of JOSEPH to His Brothers. {Genesis 45:1-15}

#### 1. His *disclosure*. {45:1-4}

#### 2. His *divine viewpoint* on his past suffering & trials. {45:5-8}

- How did Joseph view his brother's past sins against him? {vs.5a}
- How did Joseph view his coming to Egypt? {vs. 5b-7}
- How did Joseph view his promotion in Egypt? {vs. 8}
- How should you view God's sovereign plan for your life?

#### 3. His *divine viewpoint* on God's plan to use him as His instrument to preserve others. {45:9-13}

- We need to remember that God does not \_\_\_\_\_ us but He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ us if we are willing. But to do so, He will need to make us more and more \_\_\_\_\_. How does He do this?

#### 4. His *emotional response and reconciliation* with his brothers. {45:14-15} What does this demonstrate & teach us?

**B. The REJOICING of PHARAOH. {45:16-24}**

1. The *joyful response* of Pharaoh & his servants to this news. {vs. 16}
2. The *provision & instructions* of Pharaoh to bring Joseph's family to Egypt. {vs. 17-20}
3. The *compliant response* of Israel's sons. {vs. 21-24}
  - Why were Joseph's brothers and his family blessed? Why are we spiritually blessed?

**C. The REVIVAL of JACOB Upon Hearing of JOSEPH. {45:25-28}**

1. Jacob's *initial reaction* to the news of Joseph. {vs. 25-26}
2. Joseph's *next response* to the facts & promises of Joseph. {vs. 27-28}
  - How does God encourage us?
  - Why does God encourage us?
3. Lessons from ...
  - Judah – the God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ when needed.
  - Joseph – that \_\_\_\_\_ and knows what He is doing.
  - Joseph's brothers – that \_\_\_\_\_ a person's destiny and also \_\_\_\_\_ his /her life.
  - Pharaoh – that \_\_\_\_\_ can move in the hearts of the unsaved to treat believers \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jacob – that while you are still breathing air, God has a \_\_\_\_\_ for your life as you are still enrolled in His school of \_\_\_\_\_.