

# **“The Family Reunion”**

*(Genesis 45:16 – 46:7)*

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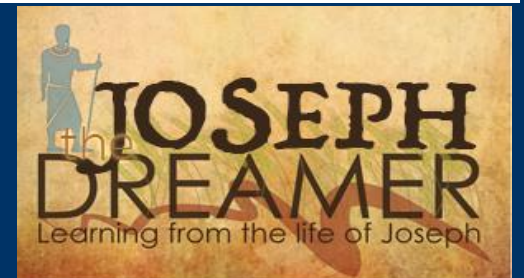
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## Planned Chinese Reunion Dinner



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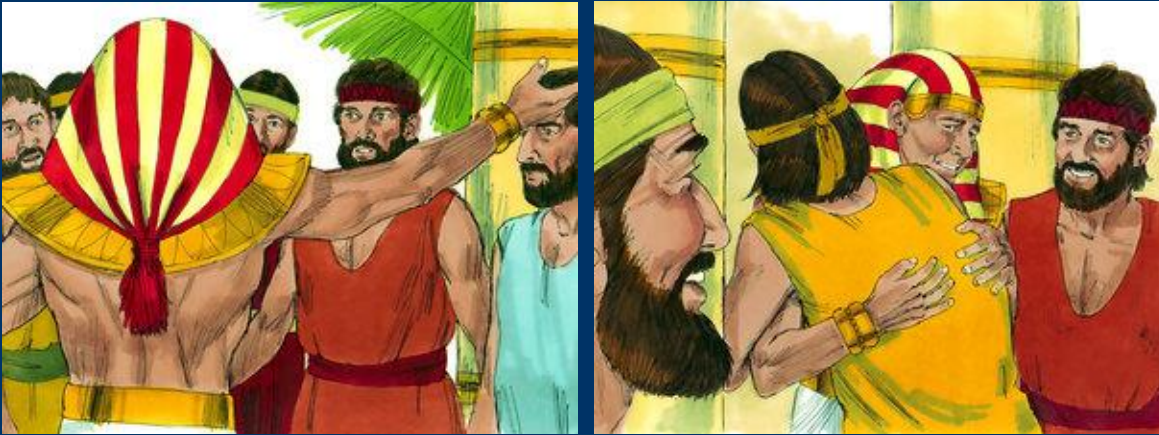


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# INTRODUCTION:



## Unplanned Reunion of Joseph's brother

"Dad, You're not going to believe this."



# I. PLANS FOR THE REUNION

## A. Pharaoh's Acceptance

**Gen 45:16** *When the news reached Pharaoh's palace that Joseph's brothers had come, Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased.*



**17** *Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan,*  
**18** *and bring your father and your families back to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.'*

# I. PLANS FOR THE REUNION

## A. Pharaoh's Acceptance

*Gen 45:19 "You are also directed to tell them, 'Do this: Take some carts from Egypt for your children and your wives, and get your father and come.  
20 Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.'"*

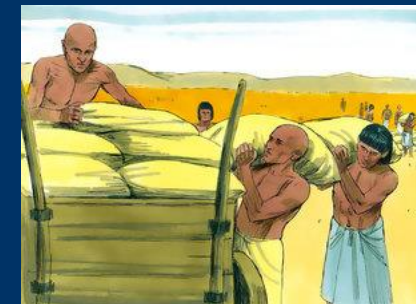


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## B. Joseph's Provisions

**Gen 45:22** *To each of them he gave new clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five sets of clothes.*

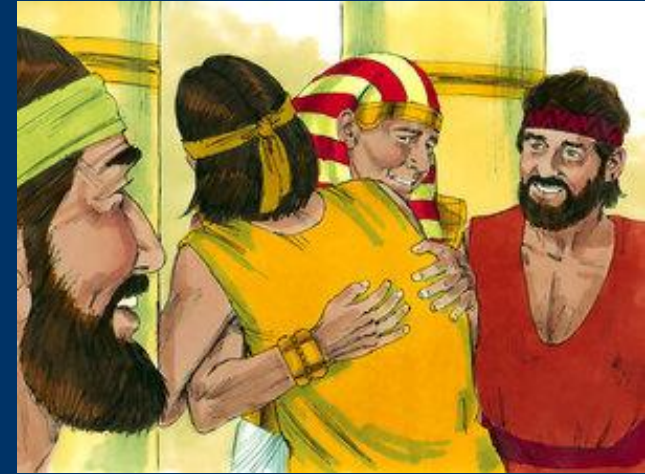
**23** *And this is what he sent to his father: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and other provisions for his journey.*



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## *B. Joseph's Provisions*

***24** Then he sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said to them, "**Don't quarrel on the way!**"*

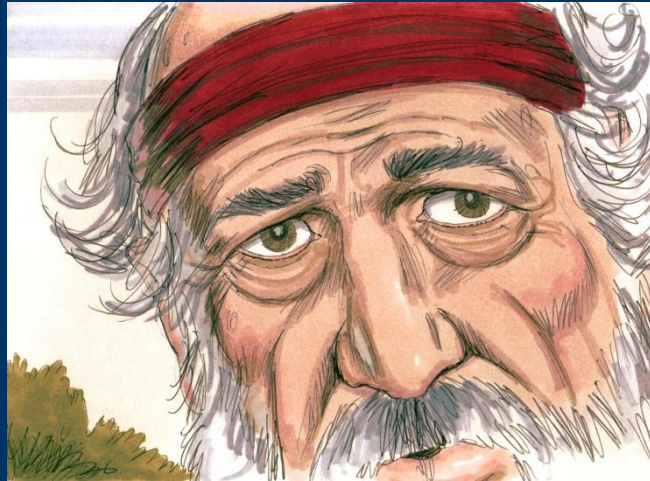


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## C. *Jacob's Response*

**Gen 45:25** *So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan.*

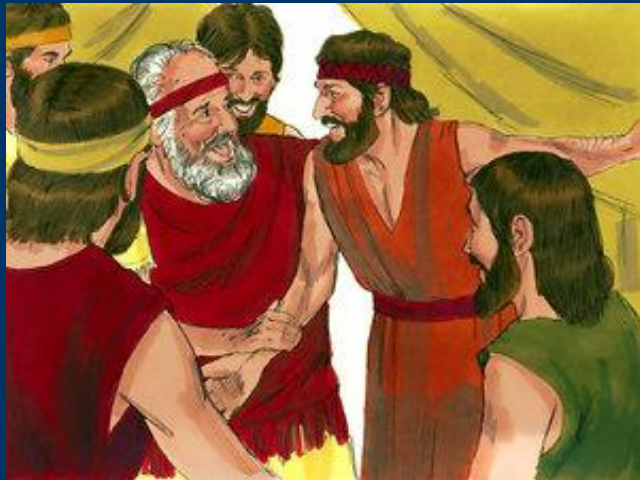
**26** *They told him, "**Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt.**" Jacob was stunned; he did not believe them.*



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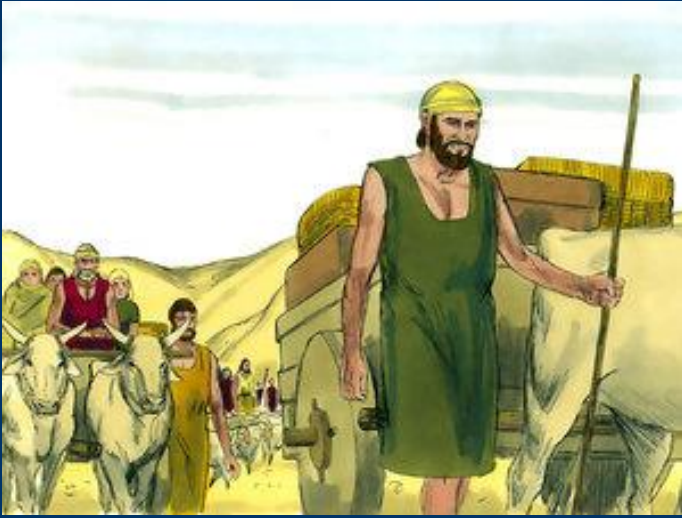
## C. Jacob's Response

**Gen 45:27** *But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.*



**Gen 45:28** *And Israel said, "I'm convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."*

## II. JOURNEY FROM CANAAN TO EGYPT



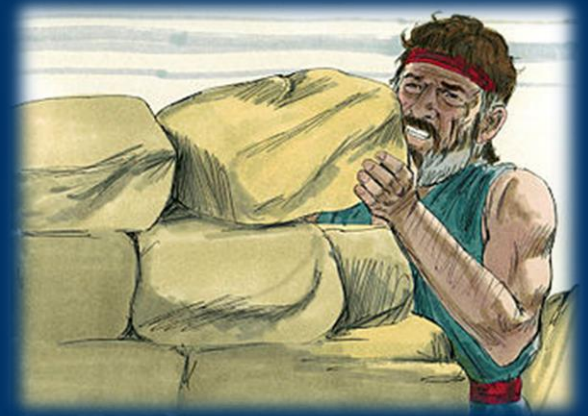
*Gen 46:1 So Israel set out with all that was his, and when he reached Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.*

*<sup>2</sup> And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, **"Jacob! Jacob!"** **"Here I am,"** he replied.*

*<sup>3</sup> **"I am God, the God of your father,"** he said.*

***"Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.***

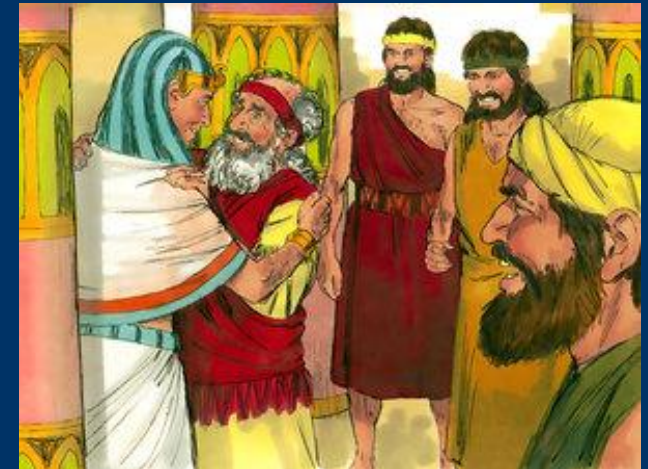
***<sup>4</sup> I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes."***



### III. REUNION WITH JOSEPH

*Gen 46:29 Joseph had his chariot made ready and went to Goshen to meet his father Israel. As soon as Joseph appeared before him, he threw his arms around his father and wept for a long time.*

***30** Israel said to Joseph, "Now I am ready to die, since I have seen for myself that you are still alive."*



# CONCLUSION: Lessons from the Story

From this family reunion between Jacob and Joseph, we can draw some encouragement.

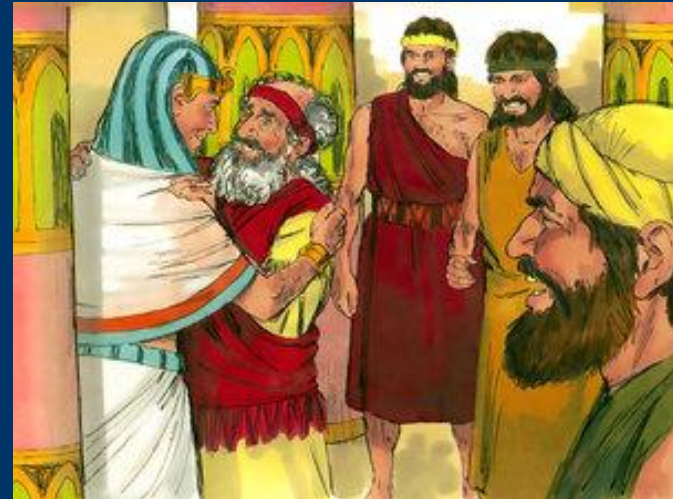
- 1. It gives us the Blessed Hope of reuniting with our love ones who are temporary separated.***



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There are three practical lessons concerning our attitude that we can learn from Joseph's story.

**2. *It reminds us of the Faithfulness of God in dealing with His people.***





# CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What was it like in your last unplanned reunion? Describe how it was like?*
- 2. How did god work through Pharaoh in providing for Joseph's family in Egypt?*
- 3. How did Joseph's brother explain to their father that Joseph was alive? What was Jacob's response?*
- 4. What steps did Joseph take to ensure that his family would safely go back to Canaan and return to Egypt?*
- 5. Describe what it was like for Jacob and Joseph meet after 20 years separation?*



*Scripture References:*

*Genesis 45:16 - 46:7, 28-30*