

How To Have Glad Reunions

Genesis 45:1-15

Family reunions can be really fun occasions. It's great to chat with relatives, and catch up on the old days. When Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers, they enjoyed an extraordinary occasion. Both Joseph and his brothers had done things they'd regretted. When a boy, Joseph ratted on his brothers, and seemed to flaunt his "Armani" coat. To be sure, they overreacted to their brash younger brother by selling him as a slave.

How the years changed their circumstances. The Lord vested power now in Joseph's hands. Pharaoh likely would not have questioned him had he taken vengeance on them.

Joseph did all the right things. Putting aside his resentment, he saw God's hand working fully in all the past events. He forgave. When we forget offenses against us, and recognize how God can bring good even from evil intentions of others, glad reunions often result.

As we travel long distances to family gatherings, remembering God's control can even make us more cheerful.



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