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**Genesis**  
**FAMILY REUNION**  
**Genesis 45-49**

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The story of Joseph, introduced in Genesis 37, will now dominate the remainder of the Book of Genesis. Joseph will become one of the most revered and loved characters in the Patriarchal narrative. There will be direct references to him as well as allusions to him in the New Testament (Acts 7:9-16; Hebrews 11:21-22; Matthew 1-2).

HELLO, IT'S ME! Well, Well, Well ---- finally! Joseph reveals his true identity to his brothers!

FAMILY REUNION: Jacob's family was finally reunited in Egypt! God had blessed Jacob, kept His promises of provision and bounty, gave him land in Canaan, and descendants. They would survive the 7-year famine as well.

JACOB AND PHARAOH: Two patriarchs --- miles apart in every respect --- meet and find peace.

JOSEPH'S ADMINISTRATION: The text provides insight into how Joseph assisted Pharaoh in assuring the people of Egypt would survive the famine.

JACOB BLESSES JOSEPH'S CHILDREN: Jacob pronounced his blessing upon Ephraim and Manasseh.

JACOB BLESSES HIS OWN CHILDREN: Jacob blessed each of his son's at the end of his life.

## POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. Joseph's dreams came true. However, his rule over his brothers was laced with grace, forgiveness, and love.
2. Transcendence: God revealed to Joseph that a greater plan was in force than just the details of his own life. This realization led to forgiveness and the ability of this family to heal and find hope in God's providence.
3. Jacob! What a transformational journey!
4. There is power in blessing.