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Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph's Makes Himself Known



Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!”

So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.

Genesis 45:1-2



Joseph said to his brothers, “**I am Joseph!** Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because **they were terrified** at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!”

Genesis 45:3-4



**And now, do not be distressed and do not be
angry with yourselves for selling me here...**

Genesis 45:5a



Joseph's response is profound in that it was based on a conclusion he had come to that was completely independent of what his brothers could say or do.



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...For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed

James 1:13-15



**I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.**

**I say: My purpose will stand and I will do all
that I please.**

**...What I have said , that will I bring about;
what I have planned, that will I do.**

Isaiah 46:10-11



The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.” In all this , Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 1:21

“...shall we accept good from God and not trouble?” In all this Job did not sin in what he said.”

Job 2:10



Conviction based on the promises of God

He will complete the work he has begun in you

- *“..being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 1:6

He will not abandon you

- *“Never will I leave you: never will I forsake you. So we say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”*

Hebrews 13:5

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Conviction based on the promises of God

Nothing can separate you from his love

- *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”*

...Not trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger or sword

Romans 8:35-39



**Cast all your anxiety upon the Lord because he
cares for you.**

1 Peter 5:7

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