



Prescription: Reconciliation

Text: Genesis 42:1 – 47:12

Series: Book of Genesis, #15

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Theme: **Only Reconciliation Heals Fractured Relationships.**

The Need For Reconciliation.

1. Reconciliation is needed whenever there are fractures in relationships.
(See also 37:3-8, 18-28)
2. Reconciliation is needed for fractures to heal properly. (42:5-8, 21-22)

The Attitude For Reconciliation.

1. Toward God. (45:5-8; See also 41:51-52; 50:19-20)
2. Toward yourself. (45:5-9, 50:19-20)
3. Toward the others.
(42:24; 43:30; 45:2, 5-9, 14-15; 45:5-9; 50:19-21; see also Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12-14;)

The Process Of Reconciliation.

1. Engage the process. (42 - 44)
2. Establish the relevant facts. (42 - 44)
3. Respect the needs of everyone involved while focusing on mutual interests and the relationship. (42:1 - 47:12; See also 50:19-20)
4. Recognize that serious compound fractures require time and care to heal properly.
(42:21-22; See also 50:19-20)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Only reconciliation heals fractured relationships. As you review the need for reconciliation between Joseph and his older brothers (see outline), review your relationships. Make a list of people with whom your relationship is fractured. Keep that list for this week.

Tuesday. Your part in reaching reconciliation includes your attitude toward God, yourself and the other person(s). Survey your attitudes in light of the principles we learned from Joseph. Walk through these three areas of attitude specifically with each person on the list you made yesterday. Ask God to help you make any and all needed changes in your attitudes.

Wednesday. Review the first two points we noted on Sunday in the process of reconciliation—engage the process and establish the relevant facts. As you look at the people on Monday's list take a careful, objective-as-you-can-be look at how you have done in these two areas. What can you do, specifically, to change and improve here? Do all that you can (see Romans 12:18) to be reconciled.

Thursday. Today zero in on the last two steps in the process of reconciliation we noted on Sunday—respect the needs of everyone involved while focusing on mutual interest and the relationship and recognize that serious compound fractures require time and care to heal properly. Look at the people on Monday's again and evaluate how you have done in these two areas. What can you do, specifically, to change and improve here?

Friday – Saturday. Sunday we plan to conclude our series in Genesis by looking at some great beginning and never ending truths—specifically that God is sovereign, we are accountable and God is faithful. Walk through chapters 48-50 and think about these truths as you prepare for our time together.