

## Sermon Notes

**Title:** *What Happened When Joseph Revealed His True Identity*



**Text:** Genesis 45:1-28

**Theme:** Joseph's revelation of his identity to his brothers is a picture in miniature of when Christ Jesus is revealed to you as to who He really is, the Lord of lords and King of kings, the One who cleanses and forgives your spiritual crimes and brings you closer than a brother or sister.

I. Joseph's Emotional \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ to  
His Brothers (1-15)

II. Pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph's Order Concerning His  
Family (16-20)

III. Joseph's Brothers Return to Canaan with the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (21-28)

## IV. Applications

A. Whatever your sorrows and disappointments, these can only really be successfully navigated by viewing them from a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Divine \_\_\_\_\_ behind everything that happens must \_\_\_\_\_ how you view all the \_\_\_\_\_ that transpire in your life.

C. Joseph's disclosure of his identity to his brothers is an \_\_\_\_\_ of the disclosure to us of who \_\_\_\_\_ really is.

Read for next week: Genesis 46:1-30

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. Why did Joseph have everyone leave the room except for his brothers (v. 1)?
2. What did the Egyptians overhear (v. 2)?
3. What did Joseph say to his brothers (v. 3)?
4. How did Joseph's brothers react to Joseph's news (v. 3b)?
5. What was Joseph's main message to his brothers in disclosing his identity to them (vv. 5-8a)?
6. What did he direct his brothers to do (vv. 9-11)?
7. Where did he say they would live (v. 10)?
8. How did Pharaoh respond to the news that Joseph's brothers had come (vv. 16-20)?
9. What did Joseph provide for his family's journey to Egypt (v. 21)?
10. What did Joseph give to Benjamin (v. 22)?
11. What did Joseph give to his father (v. 23)?
12. How did Jacob react to the news that Joseph was alive (vv. 27-28)?
13. Why do you think Joseph revealed his true identity to his brothers at this particular point in time?
14. Does knowing the divine perspective about life in general provide you with hope and encouragement? How do you learn about God's purpose for life?
15. Do you really believe God cares about the particular things that happen in your life, especially the "small" things? Why or why not?
16. How do you discover God's purpose for the details that happen in your life?
17. Respond to the statement: "God has a general plan for the world, but it is up to us to supply the details."
18. How would you Biblically support the assertion that behind everything that happens in life God has a purpose for it?
19. What would it mean if God were not in control of the particular details of what occurs in life? How does one determine what is a significant or insignificant event or matter?
20. How is Joseph's disclosure of his identity to his brothers an analogy of Christ Jesus' disclosure to us of who He really is?