

The Mercy Journey

Part 2 – “Mercy in Our Homes”

“Just ____% of practicing Christians express deep compassion for someone who has personally wronged them, only slightly more than the percentage who feel this level of compassion toward a criminal ____%.

It’s possible that the _____ or _____ of a personal offense poses a challenge to merciful expressions.” *Barna Group, The Mercy Journey*

The life of Joseph:

- Joseph’s _____ sold him into _____ and faked his death – Gen. 37.
- Joseph was _____ accused and thrown into _____ - Gen 39.
- Joseph was _____ by people he had _____ - Gen 40.
- Joseph led Egypt through a _____ - Gen 41.
- Joseph’s _____ unknowingly attempted to _____ food from him – Gen 42-44.

Four Steps on Joseph’s Path Toward _____ : Gen 45

1. Joseph _____ his _____ - Gen. 45:1-2
2. Joseph _____ the wrong – Gen. 45:3-4
3. Joseph recognized _____ purpose – Gen 45:5-8
4. Joseph _____ to _____ - Gen 45:15

Who do you need to decide to forgive today? What’s one step you can take on that journey?

1.

2.

Gen. 45:5-8 “But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So it was God who sent me here, not you! And HE is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh – the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.”