

Lesson # 84 (Aug 6, 2019)**Genesis 45 The Power of the TRUTH**

Joseph could not control himself any longer. He cried in front of all the people who were there. Joseph said, "Tell everyone to leave here." So all the people left. Only the brothers were left with Joseph. Then he told them who he was. **2** Joseph continued to cry, and all the Egyptian people in Pharaoh's house heard it. **3** He said to his brothers, "I am your brother Joseph. Is my father doing well?" But the brothers did not answer him because they were confused and afraid.

4 So Joseph said to his brothers again, "Come here to me. I beg you, come here." When the brothers went to him, he said to them, "I am your brother Joseph. I am the one you sold as a slave to Egypt. **5** Now don't be worried. Don't be angry with yourselves for what you did. It was God's plan for me to come here. I am here to save people's lives. **6** This terrible famine has continued for two years now, and there will be five more years without planting or harvest. **7** So God sent me here ahead of you so that I can save your people in this country. **8** It was not your fault that I was sent here. It was God's plan. God made me like a father to Pharaoh. I am the governor over all his house and over all Egypt."

IMPORTANT

- * Sooner or later the truth will be known
- * Why is it too hard to tell the truth?
- * We need to start being honest with ourselves
- * We must tell the truth to the Lord
- * Brutal truth?
- * Irreparable damages versus collateral damages
- * The Truth of God's Plan
- * The ultimate goal: Reconciliation