



# TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

## Genesis 43-45 II Reunion with the Brothers II Walt Alexander

**MAIN POINT:** Strive to live at peace with all, remembering you were reconciled to God while you were his enemy.

### 1. Jacob turns from self-reliance to trust. (v. 43:1-14)

“The roots of self-pity are ‘pride-in-action.’ It is the propensity to feel sorry for yourself because you are not getting what you think you deserve. Self-pity assumes you deserve good treatment from God and other people. Self-pity expresses the idolatry of ‘Me, Me, Me.’” **William Farley**

“Sin in its own nature is nothing else but a willing according to self and contrary to the will of God. The great controversy between God and man has been whether he or they shall be God: whether his reason or theirs, his will or theirs, shall be the guiding principle.” **Stephen Charnock**

### 2. The brothers turn from disgust & deceit to repentance. (v. 43:15-44:34)

### 3. Joseph turns from self-protection to compassion & forgiveness. (v. 45:1-28)