

Genesis: Back to Authenticity
Faith and Reconciliation
Genesis 42-43

It should not be surprising that in a world that thrives on instant gratification, our culture demands instant reconciliation, if it desires reconciliation at all. We don't necessarily like conflict, and sometimes we just want to be mad at an offending party. Chances are though, if we want to restore a relationship, we want it done quickly, as if we can flip a switch and turn off the hurt that caused the conflict in the first place.

1. Reconciliation requires an admission of offense.
2. Reconciliation requires an action of mercy.
3. Reconciliation requires an attitude of grace.

Joseph's life offers us a magnificent portrayal of the grace of God as He came to our rescue in the Person of Jesus Christ. So many come to Him, like Joseph's guilty brothers, feeling the distance and fearing the worst from God, only to have Him demonstrate incredible generosity and mercy. Instead of being blamed, we are forgiven. Instead of feeling guilty, we are freed. Instead of experiencing punishment we so deserve, we are seated at His table and served more than we can ever take in.