

VANTAGE POINT

Revenge or Reconciliation *Genesis 42-45:15*

1. God works through our circumstances to bring us to _____.

2. God works through our circumstances to bring us to _____.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Which is more difficult, revenge or reconciliation? Why? Share a time when you experienced revenge (either dishing it out or receiving it), and a time when you experienced reconciliation.
2. What were the two tests that Joseph gave his brothers, and how can you tell they were truly repentant for what they did to him? (See Genesis 43:32-44:34) What does true repentance involve?
3. Make a list of all the reasons Joseph had to take revenge on his brothers. What changed his heart from bitterness to forgiveness? (See Genesis 45:4-8) Pondering the promise of Romans 8:28, what is the most important vantage point to process the sins others have committed against us?
4. Joseph said "God sent me ahead of you to...save your lives by a great deliverance." What is the greatest deliverance that God has performed to save us? (See Romans 5:8; John 3:16; Romans 4:25-5:1-3) Have you repented of your sin, accepted the gift of forgiveness, and become reconciled to God? Share your story with the group.

MEMORY VERSE

But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Genesis 45:7