



THE JOY OF *Forgiveness*

God Planned Forgiveness For Us

- Forgiveness is for us to Enjoy
- Forgiveness if for us to Extend
- When We Forgive Others:
 - Rage Doesn't Consume Us
 - Vengeance Doesn't Tempt Us
 - Arrogance Doesn't Control Us
- We Become More Like Our Hero

Genesis 45:15

Forgiveness Builds Relationships

- **With our enemies (Matt. 18:21-35)**
 - It makes reconciliation possible.
- **With God (Mk. 11:25-26)**
 - It is a condition of God's forgiving us.
- **With other victims (2 Tim. 2:3)**
 - It sets a Godly example for others to follow.
- **With the righteous (2 Cor. 1:6)**
 - It demonstrates your wisdom, and removes the fear of rejection.

Genesis 45:15

God: Our Model of Forgiveness

- **God Forgives The Best**
 - Is. 55:1-9
- **God Forgives Graciously**
 - Eph. 1:7, Ezr 9:13
- **God Forgives When We:**
 - Repent (Lk. 13:3) & Confess (1 Jn. 1:9)
- **God Expects Us To “Bear Fruit...”**
 - Mt. 3:8

Genesis 45:15

Forgiving When It Really Hurts

- **Esau and Jacob**
 - Gen. 33:4
- **Paul and Mark**
 - 2 Tim. 4:11
- **The church at Corinth**
 - 2 Cor. 2:7-8
- **Stephen and the Jews**
 - Acts 7:60

Genesis 45:15

THE JOY OF
Forgiveness

Genesis 45:15

Freedom
Fellowship
Friendship
Compassion