

Genesis 44:14-15 (HCS)

[14] When Judah and his brothers reached Joseph's house, he was still there. They fell to the ground before him.

[15] "What is this you have done?" Joseph said to them. "Didn't you know that a man like me could uncover the truth by divination?"

Genesis 44:16 (HCS)

[16] “What can we say to my lord?” Judah replied. “How can we plead? How can we justify ourselves? God has exposed your servants’ iniquity. We are now my lord’s slaves - both we and the one in whose possession the cup was found.”

Genesis 44:17 (HCS)

[17] Then Joseph said, “I swear that I will not do this. The man in whose possession the cup was found will be my slave. The rest of you can go in peace to your father.”

TRULY BROKEN

Genesis 44:18 - 45:15

→ **BROKENNESS** - to feel **HORRIBLE**
(to **HATE** your sin like God does)

→ **REPENTANCE** - to **RENOUNCE** it as
wrong - to **TURN AWAY** from it

Joseph Made it CLEAR...

- God **SENT** me to **SAVE** lives
- God **SENT** me to **PRESERVE** the **FAMILY**
- You did **NOT SEND** me here God **DID**
- God put me **IN CHARGE** of Egypt

Genesis 12:2-3 (ESV)

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and **make your NAME great**, so that you will be a blessing. [3] **I will BLESS those who bless you**, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and **in you ALL the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”

Because Joseph...

- believed God was **SOVEREIGN**
- had already **FORGIVEN** them

Brokenness → led to **Repentance**

Repentance → led to **Forgiveness**

Forgiveness → led to **Restoration**

FORGIVENESS = giving up
my **RIGHT** to **hurt you**
for hurting me

When We FORGIVE we CHOOSE

- to put the **OFFENSE** in God's hands
- **NOT** to **DEMAND** some kind of payment or **VENGEANCE**

Romans 12:17-19 (NLT)

NEVER pay back evil with more evil.

Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. [18] Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. [19] Dear friends,

NEVER take REVENGE. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, **“I WILL take REVENGE; I WILL pay them back,”** says the LORD.

Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

BEAR WITH each other
and **FORGIVE** whatever grievances
you may have against one another.

Forgive AS the Lord forgave you.

Questions

1. Why is it hard for us to be **TRULY** Broken over our own sin?
2. Why is it **HARD** for us to **FORGIVE** those who have wronged us?
3. How does believing in the Sovereignty of God help us when we are struggle with offering Forgiveness?