


**God sent me**  
**Genesis 45:1-15**

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**Introduction**

Do you know how we ended up in Joburg?

We often think we're mere victims of what people do to us, victims of their decisions.

- We must learn to 'live EVERYWHERE as though God SENT us there.'
- God sent you to Joburg, this service, your job, your kid's school function...

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**Genesis 45**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

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### Genesis 45

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup>And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup>For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup>But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance

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### Genesis 45

<sup>8</sup>"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

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### God's sending in Genesis 45

1. The fact of God's sending (x3)
  2. The means of God's sending (45.4-5)
  3. The purpose of God's sending (45.6-7)
  4. The grace of God's sending (45.8-11)
- Even though we're somewhat like Joseph, we're more like his brothers...  
Jesus is the Hero: food vs. forgiveness

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**conclusion**

We can only “live EVERYWHERE as though God SENT us there” if we find grace in the remnant-of-one: Jesus!

- If He’s the Hero of your story, your story will have a happy ending.

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