

# **Getting Over a Grudge**

## **(And How to Avoid One in the First Place)**

### **Genesis 45:1-15; 50:14-21**

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#### **Principle:**

God's radical forgiveness of you  
demands your radical forgiveness of others.

#### **#1: Show Them a Broken Heart When They Expect to See a Bitter Heart (45:1-8)**

- A bitter heart focuses on tearing others down because of what they have done to hurt you
- A broken heart focuses on building others up because of what God has done to help you

#### **#2: Give Them Something From You When They Expect to Get Nothing at All (45:9-11)**

- Do it because they need to be blessed
- Do it because you have been blessed

#### **#3: Embrace Them Personally When They Expect to be Embarrassed Publicly (45:12-15)**

- Rejoice in what you are recovering from the past
- Rejoice in what you are discovering about the present

#### **#4: Offer Them Total Restoration When They Expect to Receive Final Retaliation (50:14-21)**

- It will be hard for you to extend complete forgiveness
- It will be hard for them to comprehend complete forgiveness

#### **So Now What...**

- Who in your life needs radical forgiveness from you?
- Are you ready to initiate radical forgiveness today?