

To this point, Joseph has been:

Highly favored

Hated by his brothers

Thrown in a cistern

Sold to slave traders

Living large at Potiphar's

Falsely accused and imprisoned

Forgotten by a cupbearer – but not by God!

2nd in command in Egypt

Manager of feast and famine



THE ANCIENTS WERE
COMMENDED:
GRACED YET GROUNDED, PART 2

Genesis 45-50



CHAPTER 45

1-11 “you sold me...God sent me”

Vss. 5, 7, 8

It's hard to not focus on what others have done.
It's made easier by focusing on what God has done.



45:16-24

God's divine favor on His people, Israel

The temptation for Joseph to focus on his own rollercoaster must have been great.

Oh, to remember that God is working on a canvas far greater than our 'vapor' of a life (James 4:14)



CHAPTER 46

Vss. 1-4 Jacob goes to Egypt, stopping to sacrifice at Beersheba. God speaks to Jacob in a vision

Vss. 29-30 Jacob and Joseph reunited

CHAPTER 47

Vss. 11-12 Settling in the best part of the land

Vss. 13-15 Famine severe. Money gone.

Vss. 16-18 Livestock now legal tender while it lasts.
Soon all that remains is their land and their bodies.

Vss. 20-21 Slaves in Egypt. But alive!

Vss. 23-27 Hope restored

CHAPTERS 48-49

Blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh who are to be counted as Jacob's own (48:5)

Blessing of Jacob's own sons. Of note:

49:8-11 (See also Rev. 5:5)

49:22-26 Faithfulness rewarded

CHAPTER 50

Vss. 12-13 Jacob dies (49:33) and is buried in Canaan, as promised in 47:29-30

Vss. 15-21 Joseph's incredible focus on God and His work allows forgiveness of many sins against him

Vss. 24-26 "God will surely come to your aid"
The death of Joseph (vs. 26)