sermon notes

Seeing the Unseen Hand of God Genesis 45:1-15

introduction: significant references to the Lord's hand; summarize Genesis chapters 37-44
God is invisible, but He can be "seen" byfaith (Hebrews 11:27). His power and activity are evident everywhere.
God's "hand" often refers to Hisintervention, including His protection and His provision.
supporting Scriptures: Exodus 32:11 Ezra 8:22 Isaiah 41:10 John 10:28-29
God's sovereign, almighty hand:
1. overrules even theworst of circumstances to accomplish His purpose (Genesis 45:1-8). Keep trusting Him.
God is able to "transform the soot of human sin into a diamond of divine blessing." 1
supporting Scriptures: Acts 2:22-24
2. enables us toforgive those who sin against us and mistreat us (Genesis 45:9-14)
supporting Scriptures: Ephesians 4:32
example of Gary Jarstfer forgiving Shannon Ethridge

¹ The Holman Christian Standard Study Bible (Nashville: Holman Bible Publishers, 2010), page 92.