God’s Providence

God’s Providence and My Personal Plan
Genesis 45

God’s Providence provides purpose, identity, and security for my life.

Providence of God :: Continuing action of God in preserving His creation and guiding it toward His intended purposes.

Providence related to Sovereignty :: The exercise of God’s authority, power, and provision to fulfill His desires, to demonstrate His glorious holiness.

1. God’s Providence Provides Benefits
   a. Brings me out of Timidity (2 Timothy 1:7)
   b. Brings me out of Pride (Daniel 4:34-37)
   c. Brings me out of Over-Confidence (Philippians 3:4-8)
   d. Brings me out of Insecurity (Exodus 4:10-12)

2. God’s Providence Provides Identity (Genesis 45:1-3)
   a. Many events and circumstances but only one identity
   b. Identity transcends our responsibility
   c. Identity mystifies those around us (v 3b)

3. God’s Providence Provides for Life’s Next Phase (Genesis 45:4-15)
   a. To preserve life in hard times (vv 4 - 7)
   b. To be a leader in God’s ways (v 8)
   c. To be a blessing to posterity (vv 9 - 15)

Illustration: Ruth

4. God’s Providence Moves the Hearts of Rulers, Kings, and Presidents (Genesis 45:16-28)
   a. To bless the people of God (vv 16 - 20)
   b. To cause His children to be grateful and thankful (vv 21 - 24)
   c. To overwhelm us with unexpected blessings (vv 25 - 28)

Illustration: Esther