

Genesis 45:4-5

Fill in the blanks using the New King James Version of the Bible.

And Joseph said to his _____, "Please
come _____ to me." So they came near.

Then he said: "I *am* _____ your
_____, whom you sold into _____.

But now, do not therefore be _____
or _____ with yourselves because you
_____ me here; for _____ sent me
_____ you to _____.

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Joseph and His Brothers

Pharaoh was the only person in the land who had more power. Joseph was given a wife and they had two sons. There were good crops for 7 years and Joseph had the people to store the grain. Then it quit raining and no crops would grow. The famine was over all the earth, and Egypt was the only country with food.

Jacob sent 10 of his sons to Egypt to buy grain for food. The brothers bowed down before Joseph. He knew who they were, but they didn't recognize him. He gave them food, kept one of the brothers in prison, and told them that when they came again, they would have to bring their youngest brother. (Benjamin was Joseph's own brother.) Jacob was afraid to send Benjamin, but Benjamin went with the brothers when they returned to Egypt to buy grain a second time. This time Joseph told them who he really was. They were afraid because of the way they had treated him, but Joseph was forgiving.

He told them to go and get their father and move him and their families to Egypt because the famine would not be over for a long time.

Jacob was so happy when they told him about Joseph. Jacob and all the family moved to Egypt and he was able to see his son again.

The famine lasted for 7 years. The Egyptians spent all their money for grain. Then they traded their livestock for food, and finally their land. They all became servants to Pharaoh, but Joseph's family lived in the land of Goshen and had plenty of food.