

# For God's Glory

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**“But Joseph said to them, “Fear not, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones. Thus he reassured them and comforted them.”**

**Genesis 50: 19 - 21**

## SUMMARY:

## NOTES:

Scriptures:

Genesis 50:15-21  
Hebrews 12: 14-15  
Romans 12:17-21

Matthew 5:10-12  
2 Timothy 4: 14-17

## DISCUSSION POINTS:

### Introductory Question:

Joseph's father, Jacob, had a profound impact upon his life even though he only spent the first 17 and last 17 years of his life with him. The Hebrew custom of passing on a blessing carried with it the relational benefits of acceptance and affirmation. Do you practice any of these traditions that communicate the same truths to your children? Explain –

What did the brothers' request for forgiveness reveal about them? Why is it so hard to forgive or accept forgiveness?

Why did his brothers' request bring such a strong emotional response in Joseph? Ever had a similar experience?

“You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Gen. 50:20a) Do you suppose Joseph held this belief while he was going through all of his hardships, that it was what got him through? Or do you believe he arrived at this conclusion after looking back on his life? Either way what does it reveal to you about his view of God and suffering?

Take a moment to recount the many ways you saw God's Glory revealed through the life of Joseph.

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