

What a Legacy!

Genesis 50:15-26 | November 22, 2020

Context: After Jacob died, Joseph's brothers fear that he would retaliate against them, but instead he surprised them with more good news—and later dies.

How Joseph left an amazing legacy:

1. _____ to try to take God's place in their lives (19)
2. _____ in the sovereignty of God (20)
3. _____ them of his love, forgiveness and intention to bless them (21)

Who else rested in the sovereignty of God the Father? Who else reassured those who wronged him that they were forgiven and he would bless them? _____

Application—by the grace of God...

- Marvel at God's _____
- Appreciate God's _____
- Extend God's _____

To leave a legacy of integrity,

Discussion Questions:

1. Think back on Joseph's life as recorded in Genesis 37-50. What words or phrases would you use to describe him?
2. Why or how do we try to "take God's place" in people's lives, especially when it comes to forgiving them of the ways they have wronged us?
3. Which of the three main points of the sermon (R) did God use to help you the most, and why?



Questions for Parents to use with their children:

- 1. Begin by having each person describe a time they needed to forgive someone.**
- 2. Next, take a moment and read Genesis 50:15-26 out loud together.**
- 3. In verse 15, what were Joseph's brothers afraid of that he would do to them after Jacob was buried and they had returned to Egypt?**
Answer: They were afraid Joseph would seek revenge for all the wrong they had done to Joseph in the past (verse 15).
- 4. What did Joseph's father, Jacob, ask him to do for his brothers, even though they had treated them badly in the past from verse 17?**
Answer: Forgiveness (verse 17).
- 5. Looking at verse 20, how did Joseph describe God's purpose in allowing Joseph to be hurt by his brothers? What purpose did God have for Joseph from the beginning of what we read in Genesis 37 until the end of the book of Genesis?**
Answer: God intended it for good (verse 17). To be in a position where he could save the lives of many people (verse 17).
- 6. What did Joseph tell his brothers twice that God would do for them in the future in verses 24-25?**
Answer: God will come and help them and lead them back to the land he promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (verses 24 and 25).
- 7. What can we praise God for in this passage? How can we apply this passage to our family?**
Answer: Praise God for His forgiveness and sovereignty that we do not need to be afraid but trust God that He is working all things for His glory and our good. Even when others mean to hurt us, God can use it for His good. Thank God that He sees and knows the bigger picture for our lives and we can trust in Him.