

Behind the Scenes

Week 6: Forgiveness

Genesis 50:15-26

1. Joseph's brothers feared revenge even after years of reconciliation. What does this reveal about how guilt can linger, and how have you seen something similar in your own life or relationships?
2. Joseph responds to their fear with compassion rather than anger. What do you think enabled Joseph to forgive so deeply, and what practices help you cultivate that kind of forgiveness?
3. Joseph says, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good." How does this perspective challenge the way we interpret painful or unjust experiences?
4. Where have you seen God "work behind the scenes" to bring good out of situations that initially felt harmful or unfair?
5. Joseph reassures his brothers and "speaks kindly" to them. What does this teach us about the role of gentle words in healing broken relationships?
6. Joseph makes his brothers swear to carry his bones out of Egypt someday. What does this request show about his faith in God's promises, and how does it inspire your own trust in God's long-term plans?
7. The chapter closes with Joseph's death, but also with hope for the future. How does this passage help you think about legacy, faith, and what you leave behind?
8. Joseph's forgiveness is not just emotional—it leads to tangible care ("I will provide for you and your children"). What does this teach us about forgiveness as an action, not just a feeling?
9. Is it harder for you to give or accept forgiveness? Share ideas of what helps you.
10. If you were one of Joseph's brothers, how might this moment of reassurance change your understanding of God, forgiveness, and family?