

Sunday, April 13, 2025

GENERATIONS

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Forgiving the Unforgivable
Genesis 50:15-22

How can I forgive the unforgivable?

1. Remember _____

2. Remember _____

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Study Guide

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For the week of April 13, 2025

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

What are some things that would be hard for you to forgive?

Why are those things hard to let go of?

What happens to us when we are unforgiving?

Imagine yourself in Joseph's shoes sitting in a prison cell without any hope of freedom.

What thoughts, feelings, or doubts might you have about your family?

About yourself? About God?

Through God's miraculous intervention, Joseph is pulled from the pit of prison and made the second most powerful person in Egypt. When his brothers come to him for help and food, Joseph invites them to bring their father and live in Egypt.

Read **Genesis 50:1-14**.

What happened after Jacob died?

Who went to bury Jacob?

What do you think that trip was like?

Read **Genesis 50:15-18**.

What assumptions were the brothers making about Joseph?

Why do you think Joseph wept?

Why do you think the brothers bowed down before him?

Why do those closest to us sometimes hurt us the deepest?

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In the Bible, **Numbers Chapter 1** lists the 12 tribes of Israel. They are the descendants of the sons of Jacob—Joseph and his brothers. Even Joseph’s abusive brothers are part of God’s “chosen people.”

What does that tell you about God?

Read **Genesis 50:19-21**.

Joseph asks, “Am I in the place of God?”

How does knowing God’s place help us forgive those who have hurt us?

What is God’s place?

What are some good things that came out of what happened to Joseph?

When you look back at old hurts in your life, can you see how God was working in them to sanctify you?

Was it pleasant? Was it for the best? Explain.

Read **Genesis 50:21**.

What is mercy?

Why do we need mercy from God?

Read **1 Peter 1:3**.

What do we have because of God’s mercy?

Why should we show mercy to those who hurt us?

What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study?

How can we pray with you about those needs?

**Consider memorizing
Genesis 50:20.**

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