

God's Plan of Forgiveness

Joseph: The Lord Is With Us

November 29, 2020

Student Ministry Director: Tom Meara

*¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ 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. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. **Genesis 50:15-21***

Main idea: Forgiven people forgive people.

I. The Position of Forgiveness (v. 15-19)

- a) Joseph knew you do not use your power to punish others.
- b) Joseph knew you do not keep score.
- c) Joseph knew you do not remind others about how wrong they were

II. The Providence of Forgiveness (v. 20)

*²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28***

III. The Provision of Forgiveness (v. 21)