

# THE PERSPECTIVE OF COURAGEOUS FAITH

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**Text:** Genesis 50:18-21

*"And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. 16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, 17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. 18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. 19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. 21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them."*  
(Genesis 50:18-21)

see  
Gen  
45:7-8

## INTRODUCTION

- a) Joseph 2<sup>nd</sup> in power to Pharaoh.
  - he brought his father & his blood kin to Egypt
  - \* Jacob had vision at night of God telling ~~him~~ him to go to Egypt to Joseph (Gen 46:2-4)
  - \* Jacob's family numbered 70 persons (Gen 46:6-7, 27)
- b. Joseph understood God's perspective
  - Gen 45:7-8 God sent Joseph before Israelites to preserve their families
  - Gen 45:5 God sent Joseph ahead to preserve life
- c. Gen 37:3 Jacob's favorite
  - Gen 37:5,9 Joseph's 2 dreams

## 1. COURAGEOUS FAITH IS Forged

### IN Adversity (v. 20a)

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- His brothers thought evil against him
- many jealousys between Jacob's wives
- many jealousies among the brothers
- they sold him into Egypt as a slave

## 2. COURAGEOUS FAITH FINDS Comfort

### IN GOD'S Sovereignty (v. 20b)

- Joseph sees big picture of God working through human hands
  - \* God meant it for good
- Gen 39:4 But Joseph found favor as slave in Potiphar's household
- Gen 39:21 God gave Joseph favor with prison keeper
- Gen 41:12-13 Butler brings Pharaoh's attention

## 3. COURAGEOUS FAITH EXTENDS

### Grace AND CHRIST-LIKE

### Humility (v. 21a)

- Gen 50:15 Joseph's brother still think Joseph will seek revenge
  - \* still thinking evil of brother
  - \* Brothers' attitudes reflecting their past motivations
- But Joseph reflects God's attitude
  - \* Gen 50:17 Joseph cried
  - \* Gen 50:19 "Am I not in the place of God?"
  - \* Gen 50:20 God meant it for good
  - \* Gen 50:21 I will provide for you & your families