

Gen. 50:21 – Reconciliation and Grace

1. What does Joseph's care for his brothers and their families show about true reconciliation?
2. How can forgiveness lead to acts of kindness rather than resentment?
3. What does this passage teach us about trusting God's justice instead of seeking our own?
4. Who might God be calling you to forgive—or to reassure—of your forgiveness this week?

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Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups
Sunday, October 26, 2025

First

Read Genesis 50:15–21 aloud as a group.

After Jacob's death, Joseph's brothers fear that he will take revenge for the evil they did to him years earlier. But Joseph's response reveals a heart that fully trusts in God's sovereignty and justice. In this passage, we learn what true forgiveness looks like and how faith in God's purposes frees us from bitterness and fear.

Gen. 50:15–17 – The Brothers' Fear and Confession

1. Why did Joseph's brothers assume he would take revenge after their father died?
2. How do we sometimes make similar assumptions about others—or even about God—when we lack full understanding?
3. What evidence do you see of the brothers' spiritual growth compared to their earlier deception?
4. Why is it important to honestly name our sin, as the brothers do here, when seeking forgiveness?

Gen. 50:18–19 – Joseph's Response

1. What does Joseph mean when he says, “Am I in the place of God?”
2. How does Joseph's understanding of God's justice free him from the desire for revenge?
3. What can we learn from Joseph about trusting God with the wrongs done to us?
4. Why is forgiveness not the same as excusing sin?

Gen. 50:20 – God's Sovereign Purpose

1. What does Joseph's statement “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” teach us about God's sovereignty?
2. How does seeing God's hand in difficult circumstances change the way we respond to pain or betrayal?
3. How does Joseph's faith point us to the ultimate example of God bringing good from evil—the cross?