

**FORGIVENESS**  
**(The Gospel According to Joseph- Part 6)**

CASE STUDY OF FORGIVENESS: Genesis 45:1-18; 50:15-21

FORGIVENESS...

... doesn't mean \_\_\_\_\_ unconditionally

... isn't the same as \_\_\_\_\_

JOSEPH WAS ABLE TO FORGIVE BECAUSE...

...HE UNDERSTOOD HE \_\_\_\_\_ *GOD*  
*Gen 50:19; Heb 12:15; Col 3:13; Prov 19:11*

When we assume God's place, it's easier to:

Nurse \_\_\_\_\_

Play \_\_\_\_\_

Forget one's own \_\_\_\_\_

...HE ADOPTED GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_  
*Gen 50:20; Lk 6:27,28; 23:34; 1 Pe 2:21-23; Ro 12:17-21;*  
*1 Sam 24:1-13, Gen 50:21*

He didn't wait for others to \_\_\_\_\_

He refused to seek \_\_\_\_\_

He \_\_\_\_\_ others

*Fill-ins: trust; reconciliation; WASN'T; a grudge; the judge; "sludge"; PERSPECTIVE; deserve it; revenge; loved/served*

**Food for Thought for the week of June 9, 2019**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Remembering our need for forgiveness and God's great provision of it will undoubtedly help us become more generous in our forgiveness of others. The following verses take us back to the basics of God's forgiveness. How could each passage help you grow in your ability or motivation to forgive someone else?

Isaiah 53:6, Isaiah 59:1-3, Colossians 2:13-14

We heard on Sunday that we are not to seek our own revenge. That's easy to say, but hard to do because it can leave us feeling like the other person is getting away with something. In the 1 Samuel 24:1-13, what can we learn from David about not seeking our own revenge and allowing God's justice to happen? What is the most challenging aspect for you when it comes to not seeking your own revenge?

We heard on Sunday that our response to someone who has wronged us is to forgive them. While forgiveness is always the most important response we can have, the Bible mentions some other actions we may want to take toward them. In the following verses, identify when we're supposed to get involved with others and how we're supposed to relate to them.

Matthew 18:15, Matthew 5:23-24

How could Matthew 7:3-5 help us with our attitude when we're dealing with someone who has wronged us?

One of the hardest parts of forgiving is getting past the hurt we feel for what has taken place especially when the other person doesn't apologize or try to make the situation right. How could the following verses help someone who is holding onto bitterness or feeling that certain people don't deserve to be forgiven?

Ecclesiastes 7:20, Romans 3:23, 1 John 4:19-21

Forgiveness does not necessarily mean we forget an offense or trust the offending person again. How could the following verses help someone to be more discerning about who to trust and who not to trust in the future?

Colossians 2:6-8, 1 Timothy 6:3-5, Matthew 7:18-20