
GETTING TO KNOW HIM

Part 8 – He Who Can Repurpose Evil into Blessings

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Genesis 50/20

Vision

Genesis 50:15-21

Genesis 50:14

After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father's burial.

Genesis 50:15

But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became fearful. "Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him," they said.

Genesis 50:16

So they sent this message to Joseph: “Before your father died, he instructed us to say to you: ‘Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.’”

Genesis 50:17

So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin.” When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept.

Genesis 50:18

Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said.

Genesis 50:19

But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you?”

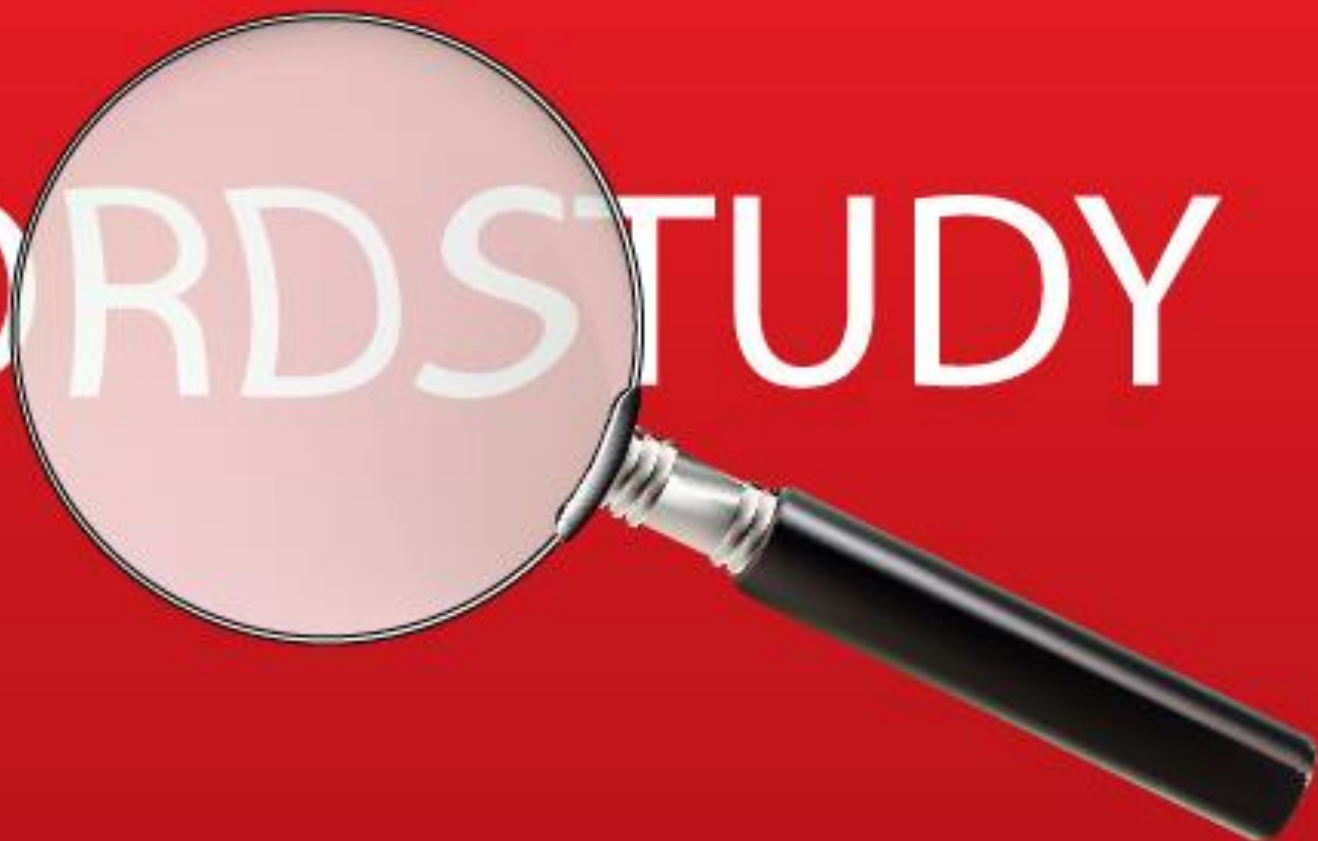
Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:21

No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children." So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

WORDSTUDY



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חֲשַׁבָּה

hă-šā-bāh

***to:* calculate, compose, devise,
design, determine, execute,
impute, intend, make, plan, plot,
purpose, account for, scheme,
weave.**

The Story of JOSEPH's
Surrender to God, in order
to go from

Unforgiveness

to Forgiveness

Genesis 37:2

This is the account of Jacob and his family. When Joseph was seventeen years old, he often tended his father's flocks. He worked for his half brothers, the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing.

Genesis 37:3

Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe.

Genesis 37:4

But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.

Genesis 37:5

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.

The Reason JOSEPH'S
Journey from
Unforgiveness
to **Forgiveness**
was so DIFFICULT!

Joseph's Unjust Life Story

- His mother died when he was just a boy
- Hated by his half-brothers
- Sold into slavery in a foreign land by his brothers
- Separated from Jacob & Benjamin

Joseph's Unjust Life Story

- A slave in Potiphar's household
- Wrongfully imprisoned for doing the right thing
- Left in prison by the cupbearer
- Lost 13 years of his life!

Psalm 105:17-19

17 He sent a man before them,
even Joseph, who was sold as a
servant.

Psalm 105:17-19

**18 His feet they hurt with fetters;
he was laid in chains of iron and
his soul entered into the iron,**

Psalm 105:17-19

19 Until his word [to his cruel brothers] came true, until the word of the Lord tried and tested him.

Joseph's Chained to the Past

Genesis 41:50-52

Joseph names his eldest son Manasseh, which means, “God has made me forget all my troubles and everyone in my father’s family.”

Joseph's Chained to the Past

Genesis 41:50-52

Joseph names his youngest son Ephraim, which means, “God has made me fruitful in this land of my grief.”

Joseph's Revenge

Genesis 42:1-28

- Joseph (age 39) speaks to his brothers harshly (Gen 37:4).
- Joseph accuses his brothers of being spies (Gen 37:2).

Joseph's Revenge

Genesis 42:1-28

- Joseph released his 9 brothers from prison but kept Simeon in prison.
- Joseph imprisons his 10 older brothers for 3 days (Gen 37:24).

Joseph's Revenge

Genesis 42:1-28

- Joseph told his brothers that unless they brought their youngest brother with them the next time they needed to buy grain in Egypt, they would not be sold any more grain and Simeon would remain in prison.

Joseph's Revenge

Genesis 44:1-17

- Joseph told his servants to put his silver cup in Benjamin's bag in order to accuse him of theft, so he could keep Benjamin in Egypt.

God's Conviction Part 1

Genesis 42:21-24

21 Speaking among themselves, they said, “Clearly we are being punished because of what we did to Joseph long ago. We saw his anguish when he pleaded for his life, but we wouldn’t listen. That’s why we’re in this trouble.”

God's Conviction Part 1

Genesis 42:21-24

22 “Didn’t I tell you not to sin against the boy?” Reuben asked.

“But you wouldn’t listen. And now we have to answer for his blood!”

God's Conviction Part 1

Genesis 42:21-24

²³ Of course, they didn't know that Joseph understood them, for he had been speaking to them through an interpreter.

God's Conviction Part 1

Genesis 42:21-24

²⁴ Now he turned away from them and began to weep. When he regained his composure, he spoke to them again. Then he chose Simeon from among them and had him tied up right before their eyes.

God's Conviction Part 2

Genesis 43:29-31

29 Then Joseph looked at his brother Benjamin, the son of his own mother. “Is this your youngest brother, the one you told me about?” Joseph asked. “May God be gracious to you, my son.”

God's Conviction Part 2

Genesis 43:29-31

³⁰ Then Joseph hurried from the room because he was overcome with emotion for his brother. He went into his private room, where he broke down and wept.

God's Conviction Part 3

Genesis 44

- Joseph carries out his plot to keep Benjamin
- The 10 brothers return to Egypt
- Judah begs Joseph to trade places with Benjamin

Joseph Finally Surrenders

Genesis 45:1-8

Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, “Out, all of you!” So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was.

Joseph Finally Surrenders

Genesis 45:2

Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh's palace.

Joseph Finally Surrenders

Genesis 45:3

“I am Joseph!” he said to his brothers. “Is my father still alive?” But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them.

Joseph Finally Surrenders

Genesis 45:4

“Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt.”

Joseph Finally Surrenders

Genesis 45:5

But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.

Joseph Finally Surrenders

Genesis 45:6

This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

Joseph Finally Surrenders

Genesis 45:7

**God has sent me ahead of you to
keep you and your families alive
and to preserve many survivors.**

Joseph Finally Surrenders

Genesis 45:8

So it was God who sent me here,
not you! And He is the one who
made me an adviser to Pharaoh—
the manager of his entire palace
and the governor of all Egypt.

God's Presence in Joseph's Suffering – Genesis 39

- v.2 – The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered
- v.3 – ... his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did

God's Presence in Joseph's Suffering – Genesis 39

- v.5 – The Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph.
- v.20 – But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him;

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- v.21 – the Lord showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

God's Presence in Joseph's Suffering – Genesis 39

- **v.23 – The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.**

God's Presence in Joseph's Suffering – Genesis 40-41

- God gives Joseph the interpretations to the baker and the cupbearers dreams
- God gives Joseph the interpretations to the Pharaoh's dreams

God's Presence in Joseph's Suffering – Genesis 41-42

- God frees Joseph from prison
- God makes Joseph second to Pharaoh in Egypt
- God gives Joseph a wife and two children
- God uses Joseph to save many people

The Power of God's Forgiveness

If we allow God to fill us with the power of His forgiveness, the events of our lives that we thought were a total waste, forever lost, unspeakable, unforgiveable and unhealable; go from being a toxic wasteland, to being a nutrient-rich, fertile ground that will produce spiritual fruit.

The Process of Heavenly Composting



Love, Forgiveness, Mercy and Grace

God's Healing & Transformation

God's Healing & Transformation
is NOT the process of taking
something broken and fixing it in
order to make it good enough to
use.

God's Healing & Transformation

God's Healing & Transformation
delivers us from the power of our
brokenness so that it no longer
controls us or enslaves us.

God's Healing & Transformation

God leaves our brokenness in place, but He pours His power into that brokenness in order to free us from it, and in order to use that brokenness to glorify God.

God's Healing & Transformation

The ways we have suffered and the ways we have been broken are expressions of our uniqueness as much as they are an expression of our anointing and our blessedness.

UNFORGIVENESS

Chains Us To The Past. It

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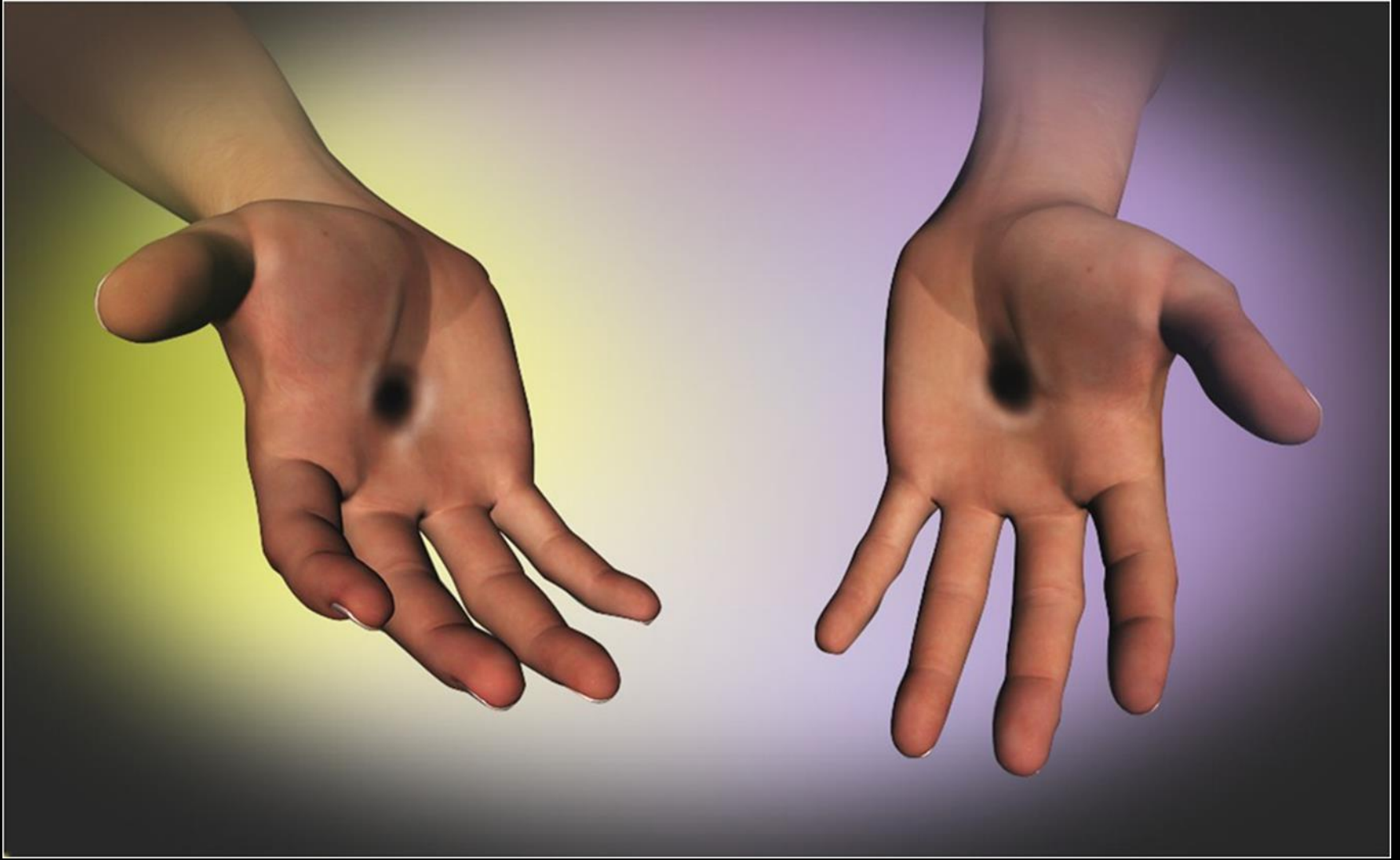
And It Keeps Us From

Receiving What The Lord

Has For **THE FUTURE**

The Kingdom principles of forgiveness, mercy and grace are what we most often preach, what we most often say we believe, and what we most often fail to **SURRENDER** to.

What Others Meant for Evil



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