

Berean Christian Church Bible Study

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Elements that Can Bring About Forgiveness Genesis 50:17-25

Luke 23:34 reads, *“Then said Jesus Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do...”* (KJV) This verse reveals one of the Master’s last statements before he died on the cross. Generally when people are on their death bed, the focus tends to be more on obtaining forgiveness instead of forgiving others. Believers should not wait until their last and final days before seeking to make amends with others. This lesson is designed to examine an episode in the life of Joseph and his brothers to point out elements that can bring about forgiveness.

Breakdown of Genesis Chapter 50

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| 1. The _____ | by the Family | Verses 1-14 |
| 2. The _____ | to the Family | Verses 15-21 |
| 3. The _____ | for the Family | Verses 22-26 |

1. _____ from those that offended you can lead to forgiveness.

Verses 16, 17

“So they sent this message to Joseph: Before our father died, 17) he told us, “You did some cruel and terrible things to Joseph, but you must ask him to forgive you.” Now we ask you to please forgive the terrible things we did. After all, we serve the same God that your father worshiped. When Joseph heard this, he started crying.” (CEV)

2. _____ to those that offended you can lead to forgiveness.

Verse 19

“But Joseph told them, “Don’t be afraid! I have no right to change what God has decided.” (CEV)

3. _____ among those that offended you can lead to forgiveness.

Verse 20

“You tried to harm me, but God made it turn out for the best, so that he could save all these people, as he is now doing.” (CEV)

4. _____ with those that offended you can lead to forgiveness.

Verse 21

“Don’t be afraid! I will take care of you and your children.” After Joseph said this, his brothers felt much better.” (CEV)

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