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Bible Study

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“Working Through Family Issues”

Genesis 50:15-21

John 9:4 reads, “*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*” (KJV) This verse records words spoken by Jesus about his assignment from God. Rarely will an individual experience success without some type of labor coming from them. Even members of the same household must work at maintaining a harmonious relationship. This lesson is designed to share pointers for family members to work through familial issues.

Breakdown of Genesis Chapter 50

1. The <u>Requests</u>	by Joseph	Verses 1-5
2. The <u>Responses</u>	to Joseph	Verses 6-13
3. The <u>Return</u>	of Joseph	Verses 14-26

1. Unity among family members is helpful to work through familial issues.

Verses 7, 8

“So Joseph went up to bury his father. All Pharaoh’s officials accompanied him—the dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of Egypt— 8) besides all the members of Joseph’s household and his brothers and those belonging to his father’s household. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen.” (NIV)

2. Amnesty towards family members is helpful to work through familial issues.

Verses 16, 17

“So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died: 17) ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept.” (NIV)

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3. **Positivity** _____ before family members is helpful to work through familial issues.
- Verses 19, 20**
- "But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."* (NIV)

4. **Surety** _____ for family members is helpful to work through familial issues.
- Verse 21**
- "So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them."*** (NIV)
5. **Cordiality** _____ to family members is helpful to work through familial issues.
- Verse 21**
- "So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them."*** (NIV)

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