

"NO MORE EXCUSES BIBLE STUDY"

Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV2011) When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ 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. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Joseph embraced his past because he recognized had turned around his and give him productive future.

Romans 8:28 sound like Genesis 50:20

Romans 8:28 (NIV2011) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

What are the qualifications for this scripture?

1. That you must "KNOW" (what does that mean to you?)
2. Who are the "Those" who love Him?
3. Who are the Called?
4. What do you think your purpose is?

Let's look at Joseph and apply this scripture.

1. How do we know that Joseph "KNEW"
2. Did Joseph love God?
3. Was Joseph called by God?
4. What was Joseph purpose?

God has called us to live according to His truth even when we have not seen our circumstances around.

What is Truth?

John 17:17 (NIV2011) Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Psalm 119:160 (NKJV) The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

Questions:

1. What are some of the hindrances to living in the truth of Genesis 50:20 before we have seen God turn things around?
 - a. Doubt
 - b. Fear
 - c. Confusion
 - d. What are some others

2. What are some of the benefits of embracing the truth of Genesis 50:20

Joseph got through the rough times and bad days by knowing that God was with him.

What does it look like to own up to personal setbacks or challenges in the present instead of making excuses for them?

What are some common mindsets that hold people back from fully living out strength and biblical authority?

Do you need to forgive yourself

Do you need to forgive someone?

What are the benefits of forgiving?

What does God say about Forging?

Mark 11:22-26 (NIV2011) "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. ²³ "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ **And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.**"

forgive

[Mt 6:14](#) — For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

if you have anything against anyone, so that

[Col 3:13](#) — bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

[Mt 5:23](#) — So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

[Mt 6:15](#) — but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses

Our Prayer

Father in a world full of excuses, You have asked us to rise above them and live with taking personal responsibility and ownership. Help each of us identify past hurts and experiences we need to let go of, and to forgive ourselves and others and to see in the light of Your Power and Purpose. Help us live without excuses as we trust in Your ability to transform our lives. In Christ Jesus Name we pray. Amen