



Week 10: Redemption

Life is full of unexpected loss, pain, and struggles. It's been that way since the beginning and will stay that way until Jesus comes back a second time. Drawing wisdom from Joseph's life, Genesis 50 teaches us how to grieve well, embrace God's grace, and move forward with hope and purpose through the redemption that God offers through Jesus. When we accept His grace, we can truly live in His peace.

Discussion Questions:

1. In **Genesis 50:3** we learn that they mourn Jacob's death for 70 days. Why do you think it's important that we grieve well? As you think about a loss you've encountered, do you think you grieved well or did you try to get back to business as usual as quickly as possible? Explain.
2. Joseph's brothers carried guilt for something Joseph had already forgiven them for. Why do you think it's so hard for people to let go of guilt, even after being forgiven? Have you ever struggled to accept God's grace or someone else's forgiveness? What helped you move forward? Why is it so important that we accept and embrace the grace offered to us by God and others?
3. **Genesis 50:20** is a pivotal passage. What does this verse teach us about God's sovereignty in difficult circumstances? How have you seen God bring good out of a painful or challenging situation in your life? Why is it important to try and see the upper story of God in our lower story struggles?
4. Spend a few minutes reflecting on our study in Genesis. What was your biggest takeaway?