

13 GOOD FROM EVIL

KEY TEXT: GENESIS 50:15-26

CENTRAL truth

God remains faithful to His promises. After his father's death, Joseph renewed his commitment to care for his brothers and their families for the remainder of his life. As the book concludes—and with Joseph nearing the end of his life himself—he reminds his brothers of God's commitment to them. As modern-day believers, we can take refuge in God's unwavering faithfulness to His people.

key question

What does Joseph's story teach us about God's kindness and mercy toward His people?

Joseph's story is marked by betrayal, enslavement, false accusations, rejection, and sorrow. Yet, God would leverage Joseph's pain to save his family. While God extends mercy and kindness toward us, we should be willing to freely extend it to others as Joseph did. God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others.

keep in mind

- After Jacob's death, Joseph's brothers were convinced that Joseph would remember their sin against him and seek revenge. Many of us—students included—have this belief about the Lord's forgiveness toward us. Using this week's **Theology** note to help you, remind students that through the person and work of Jesus, they can find security in the forgiveness they've received.
- Joseph's outlook on his experience is one of spiritual maturity. While some students will be able to reflect on their hurt through the lens of God's faithfulness, others will be slower to do so. In many cases, the wounds are too fresh. Ask the Lord for wisdom to know when to say, "I am so sorry that happened to you" and to offer a listening ear. Your presence matters more than you know.

application

How should Joseph's perspective encourage us as we experience pain and tragedy in our lives?

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FOR THE STUDENT: Students can be encouraged to know that God is committed to remaining faithful to His people and His promises to us.

FOR THE LEADER: Remind students that although their lives will not go untouched by brokenness, God will draw good from evil and remain faithful to them throughout their times of difficulty.

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