

Series: Jesus Shaped Testament  
Passage: Genesis 50:15-21 and Hebrews 12:1-2  
Saturday: July 15, 2023

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**Genesis 50:15-21 (ESV) (It will be helpful to read the whole Joseph story from Genesis 37-50)**

**God's Good Purposes**

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)**

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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1. Have you ever experienced something terrible, but God was able to redeem it for something good? What were the circumstances of that situation? How was God at work?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  2. Looking back at Joseph's story, list all of the ways that Joseph suffered.

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3. Now look back and list the ways that God was faithful to Joseph.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. In what ways does Hebrews 12:2 illustrate what is mentioned in Genesis 50:20?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How are the actions of God in Joseph's life a shadow or pattern of what Jesus would experience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How does the story of Joseph fit into the bigger story of God's plan for redeeming humanity?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How does looking at Joseph as a shadow or pattern of Jesus change your understanding of Jesus?