

**GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD!**  
**LEARNING FROM JOSEPH'S FAITH IN A GOOD AND FAITHFUL GOD**  
**Genesis 50:15-26**

**I. OUR FAITH MUST BE GROUNDED IN THE CHARACTER AND SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD: Joseph responds to his brother's fear of retaliation by revealing his faith in the sovereignty of God and then graciously comforting them (15-21)**

A. Joseph's brothers fearing retaliation, send a message to Joseph (15-19)

B. Joseph graciously responds, revealing a great trust in the Lord and an understanding of His sovereignty, in that 'they meant it for evil but God meant it for good' (19-21)

1. Joseph understood it is ultimately God's place to deal with man's sin (19)

2. Joseph understood God turns what was meant for evil to good (20, Romans 8:28-29)

3. Joseph's understanding and thus forgiveness, paved the way for his graciousness (21)

**II. OUR FAITH MUST BE FOUNDED IN THE PROMISES OF GOD: While dying, Joseph exhibits faith in God's promise to bring the Israelites back to Canaan (22-26, Hebrews 11:22)**

A. As Joseph is dying, he declares his faith in the promise of God to care for and bring Israel back to Canaan (22-24)

B. Joseph exhibits faith by charging the sons of Israel to bring his bones back to Canaan, and then dies (25-26)