

Joseph: Forgiveness

Genesis 50:15-26



“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea,
until they have something to forgive.” C. S. Lewis

From the mouth of Joseph: Verses 19-20

- “Am I in the place of God”?

- “You intended to harm me,
but God intended it for good...”

- “...the saving of many lives.” SAVIOUR

Counterfeit forgiveness:

- #1 - Excuse it
- #2 - Minimize it
- #3 - Blind trust
- #4 - Forget it

Joseph has forgiven them

Too many of us keep looking for an alternative to forgiveness!

Forgiveness is good:

- Research**
- Godly**

"To err is human, to forgive, divine," Alexander Pope

"For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" 1 Peter 3:18

"Real forgiveness means looking steadily at the sin, the sin that is left over without any excuse, after all the allowances have been made, and seeing it in all its horror, dirt, meanness and malice, and nevertheless being wholly reconciled to the man who has done it." – C. S. Lewis

What is forgiveness? A choice not to hold a sin against a person any longer. It is not based on merit, but on grace.

Our example is Jesus self sacrifice on the cross.

Forgiveness doesn't come cheap, but it is free.

Free to us, so we are free to give it to others.

Like our heavenly Father, we must face sins squarely, feel the cost keenly and pardon them boldly, enabled by His abundant grace.