

THE BEGINNING

Good morning TCC, we are starting a new series today called, "Total Forgiveness." This past February during our prophetic services we were challenged as a congregation to learn to forgive on a greater scale than ever before, so we are giving emphasis this fall on what total forgiveness looks like.

The story of Joseph: (Genesis 37-50)

Genesis 50:15-21 - Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph **holds a grudge** against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. **Am I in the place of God?** ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but **God intended it** for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. (NIV)

TOTAL RELEASE: Loosen Your Grudge Grip

Total forgiveness is to absolve someone completely of wrongs committed; without penalty, without retribution and without accountability.

20 You intended to harm me... Joseph knew and acknowledged the facts... he had been wronged.

TOTAL RELEASE: Strengthen Your Truth Grip

Get proper perspective ...Get a grip on the truth....If we are truly going to release others understand the truth.

TCC- Recognize you are not God...

Mark 11:25 - When you stand praying forgive...

Matthew 6:13 – Forgive us as we forgive...

Forgiveness drives us back to the awareness that God is still here!

Romans 8:28 – And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (NIV)

Matthew 1:1 – This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Matthew 1:6 – David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

Forgiveness declares God is not finished with my life.

Romans 12:19 – Don't take revenge, dear friends. Instead, let God's anger take care of it. After all, Scripture says, "I alone have the right to take revenge. I will pay back, says the Lord. (GW)