

GREATER VISION

Good morning TCC – We are in our third and final week of our series entitled from dream to destiny... looking at the life of Joseph who received a prophetic word at the age of 17 that took a lifetime of trial and triumph to be fulfilled.

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?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you **to forgive** your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now **please forgive** the sins of the servants of the God of your father." 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)

God has a greater vision for our lives... and it begins with Forgiveness

RELEASE

Forgiveness: *to absolve someone completely of wrongs committed, without penalty, without retribution and without accountability*

1. Recognize the facts – but don't let them rule you
Genesis 50:20 - You intended to harm me...
2. Understand the truth, get proper perspective
Genesis 50:19 - Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?
3. Recognize that God never intended us to carry this weight of un-forgiveness
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)

RECEIVE

Receive forgiveness yourself.

Forgiveness is not contingent on the offending persons behavior at all... forgiveness is dependent on our obedience to God's word to release them.

Ephesians 4:31-32 -Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (NLT)

Matthew 18:34 - when we do not forgive we turn our self over the torment of our self-imposed prison of un-forgiveness

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