

Getting Out of Your Own Way

Not Owed Anything

Part 6

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Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV)

15 When 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.

“Don't go around saying the world owes you a living.
The world owes you nothing.
It was here first.”
—Mark Twain

“Man proposes God disposes!”

LIFE ISN'T _____

Genesis 50:19 (NIV)

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"

GOD IS _____

Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

WILL YOU DO _____

Genesis 50:21 (NIV)

So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

"Their bitterness increases with their desperation. I shall take no other revenge than by a steady pursuit of economy and peace, and by the pressing forward of my own principles." The best revenge we can take is to continue to proclaim the laws of Christ, and make manifest our intense attachment to Him and His Gospel. This is to overcome evil with good. Go on with your work, is the best way to silence your critics."

— Thomas Jefferson

ANSWERS:

1. FAIR
2. GOOD
3. GOOD