

# God's Good Purposes

Genesis 50:15–26

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**Big Idea:** Trust in God's good purposes.

## I. God's good purposes fulfill His sovereign plan

**James 1:13** | "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one."

**Acts 2:23-24** | "23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it."

**Romans 8:28** | "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

## II. God's good purposes enable forgiveness

i. Forgiveness is not conditional (50:15)

ii. Forgiveness involves confession (50:16-17a)

iii. Forgiveness requires humility (50:17b-18)

iv. Forgiveness is empowered by God (50:19-20)

**Romans 12:19** | "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

v. Forgiveness restores relationships (50:21)

**1 John 1:9** | "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

### **III. God's good purposes assure our faith**

**Hebrews 11:22** | "By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones."

**John 11:25-26** | "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

### **Benediction**

**Hebrews 11:1** | "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."