

It Was God All Along

Scripture: Genesis 50

Introduction

There are moments in life when we reach the end of a story and finally begin to understand things that made very little sense while we were living through them. That is certainly true in the life of Joseph. The pit, slavery, false accusation, prison, famine, and preservation often looked like disconnected hardships, yet Genesis 50 allows us to look back and see that God was working through it all. As Joseph reaches the end of the story, he can finally say what his life has demonstrated from the beginning: what others meant for evil, God meant for good.

Joseph's life reminds us that even when we cannot see what God is doing, we can trust that His sovereign hand is faithfully accomplishing His purposes.

Main Points:

1. The D_____

Genesis 50:1–6

- Joseph openly grieves the death of his father.
- Faith does not eliminate grief; it gives grief hope.
- Jacob dies in Egypt, but his burial request points toward God's promise.
- Even in death, Jacob's faith declares that God will keep His Word.

Key Scriptures

John 11:35 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13 • Genesis 47:29–31

2. The D_____

Genesis 50:7–14

- Joseph fulfills the promise he made to his father.
- Integrity means doing what we said we would do, even when it becomes costly.
- Jacob's burial at Machpelah testifies that Canaan, not Egypt, was the promised inheritance.
- Faithfulness in ordinary duties can become a testimony to extraordinary faith.

Key Scriptures

Matthew 5:37 • Hebrews 11:13 • Genesis 23:17–20

3. The D_____

Genesis 50:15–26

- Joseph refuses revenge because he understands that judgment belongs to God.
- The brothers meant evil, but God sovereignly meant it for good.
- God's providence does not make evil good; it means evil cannot defeat His purposes.
- Joseph dies looking forward, confident that God will surely fulfill His promise.

Key Scriptures

Genesis 50:20 • Romans 8:28 • Hebrews 11:22 • Exodus 13:19

Take It Home

Joseph could look backward and say, “God meant it for good,” and look forward and say, “God will surely take care of you.” His life reminds us that God was faithful in the past, God is working in the present, and God can be trusted with the future. Even when we cannot see His plan, we can rest in His providence and confidently say: It was God all along.