



Bible study for the week starting February 11, 2024

SHARE

There is a concept called a “sliding door” moment, which is something that happens at the very last possible moment that alters the trajectory of your life, when the choice you make makes all the difference.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Genesis 50:15-21**. God had prophesied back in **Genesis 15** that the “children of Israel” would end up as “sojourners in a land that is not yours and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.” Joseph doesn’t recount that prophesy, but he does seem to understand God’s hand in the whole, broken situation. How does that dose of perspective help?
2. Read also **Genesis 45:1-15**. This could have been a story of *retribution*, but Joseph turns it into a story of *reconciliation*. How does he become a difference-maker in this?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6**. Paul talks about us “beholding the glory of the Lord” and being “transformed into His image.” Clearly, we’re not on a literal mountain with Jesus, so how does this happen?
4. Read **Mark 9:2-9**. This story comes on the heels of Peter’s confession of Jesus (**Mark 9:27-30**) and Jesus’ rebuke of Peter (**Mark 8:31-9:1**). Still, Peter is invited on the mountain along with James and John to behold this special moment. What’s the benefit for these disciples, and why did Jesus keep telling them not to tell anyone what they had seen until Jesus had risen from the dead?

PRAY

Pray for yourself and others, that God would use this coming season of Lent to draw you closer to Him and His incredible gift to you in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB: GOOD OUT OF BAD

Genesis 50:15-21 (2 Cor. 3:12-18, 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9)

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There's more to the STORY.

God brought about the fulfillment of His PROPHECY to Abraham all the way back in Genesis 15:13-14.

Joseph tested his brothers to see their level of REMORSE and their capacity for LIFE CHANGE.

As great as the "ORIGIN story" of the people of Israel in Genesis is, this is just the APPETIZER.

This could have been a story that ended in RETRIBUTION, but Joseph made sure it ended in RECONCILIATION (Gen. 50:19-21).

Follow the story, and you'll see YOURSELF in it; look for God in the story, and you'll find HIM.

BIGGER and BETTER...for us and our salvation.

For Ash Wednesday, read Exodus 1:7-14, 23-25

(also Joel 2:12-19, 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10, Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21)