

**GENE**

THE FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING

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GOD HAS A PLAN

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# SESSION 11





# MACKENDY & MICKELSON LEMPKE

Mackendy and Mickelson knew they would one day be adopted out of an orphanage in Haiti - things were in process and they had even met their new family! However, an eleven year waiting period for things to come to completion was a test of their faith. They'd see other kids leave the orphanage before them, and in those moments it was hard to remember that their new parents, and God, hadn't forgotten them. They went through stages of sadness and fear, but when asked about their eventual arrival to the US after so long, Mackendy says, "I can explain that. God knows His plan."

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(QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY RYAN PRAMBERG)

## READ GENESIS 50:1-26

Genesis 50 spotlights God's providence in a big way. Joseph states the reality of God's providence ("You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good...", Gen 50:20). This trust in God's providence isn't some abstract belief. It transforms Joseph's relationships — he comforts his brothers, provides for them, and is kind to them (50:21). It transforms Joseph's death, as he even then trusts God to come to His people's aid and fulfill His promises (50:22-26).

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does this passage tell me about God?

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2. What does it tell me about relationships and how I relate to others?

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**3.** Who in your life would be surprised if you showed them grace like Joseph did to his brothers?

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**4.** Who would you be surprised by if they showed YOU grace?

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**5.** Where else in Genesis can you see God “bringing good out of evil”?

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**6.** Genesis 50 is the final chapter of this book — why do you think Moses (the author of Genesis) ends with Joseph making his kids vow to return to the land of Canaan?

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## **MESSAGE NOTES**

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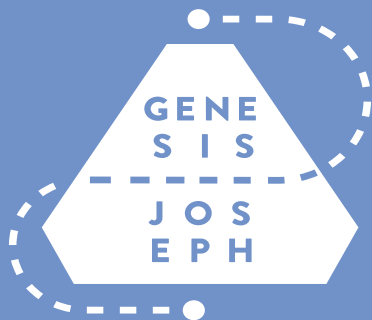
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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share your answers to Study Questions #3 and #4. Briefly share with the group why you answered the way you did.
2. What part of Joseph's story shocks you the most?
3. Who do you relate to more — Joseph, his brothers, his dad, or some other Genesis person? If your answer is some combination of these, explain why.
4. What else stood out to you from the sermon on this passage, or what other questions or take-aways do you have that haven't already been brought up? Discuss them now as a group.
5. Big Picture - As we complete Genesis, what will you apply so everyone clearly sees a change in your life?
6. Big Picture - Often, the Holy Spirit wants to get our attention as we hear the same thing over and over. What keeps "jumping out at you" as something you need to address as we close our Genesis series?



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