

Joseph: Navigating the Detours of Life
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Text: Genesis 50:15-21 (ESV)

Genesis 50:1-2 (ESV)

Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.

Genesis 50:14 (ESV)

After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

1. God has a _____ in everything.

Genesis 50:15 (ESV)

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."

Genesis 50:16-18 (ESV)

So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

Genesis 50:19 (ESV)

But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?"

Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2. God has a purpose in everything, but you don't always _____ it.

Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

3. God has a purpose in everything, so keep your eyes on the _____.

Genesis 50:22 (ESV)

So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years.

Genesis 50:24-26 (ESV)

And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Hebrews 11:22 (ESV)

By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.