

The image is a composite of three distinct scenes. On the left, a prison cell with a barred window is shown, with a bright beam of light shining through the bars onto the floor. In the center, there is a close-up portrait of a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe, looking upwards with a contemplative expression. On the right, a grand, ornate interior of a palace or temple is visible, featuring high ceilings, large columns, and a polished floor reflecting the light.

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

NEVER

ABANDONED



**Are you planning a specific summer activity?**





# BACKGROUND

- Joseph and his brothers reconciled
- Jacob and Joseph reunited
- Joseph provides for his family in Egypt



# JACOB LIVES IN EGYPT FOR 17 YEARS

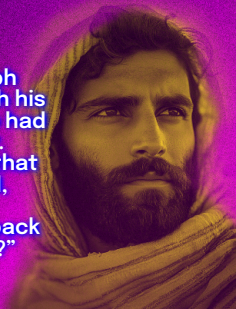
## GENESIS 49:33

<sup>33</sup> When Jacob had finished giving instructions to his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed, breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

## GENESIS 50:14-18

<sup>14</sup> After burying his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, together with his brothers and all the others who had gone with him to bury his father.

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"



## GENESIS 50:14-18

<sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died:

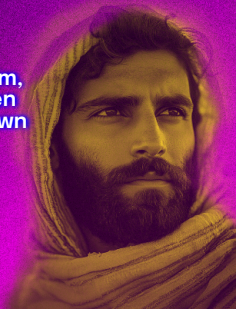
<sup>17</sup> ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.”





## GENESIS 50:14-18

When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.



**ASSURANCE**

of the

**RECONCILED LOVE**

**you have in  
Christ Jesus**

# ASSURANCE

of the

# REDEMPITIVE PURPOSES

of God

## GENESIS 50:19-21

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

# GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD

## DOESN'T MEAN:

- what happened is good –  
*death, financial troubles, job loss – are not good!*
- there is no human responsibility
- you'll see how all the dots in your story connect

# GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD

## DOES MEAN:

- evil is under the wise and gracious hand of God
- God is with his people working out his saving purposes
- in all things God works for the good of those who love him

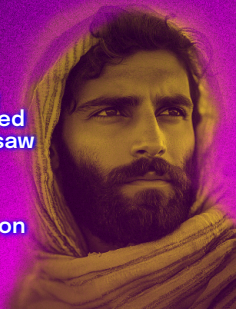
# GOD KNOWS

and has felt the pain of our fallen and  
broken world through Jesus

**What humankind meant for evil,  
God meant for good at the cross!**

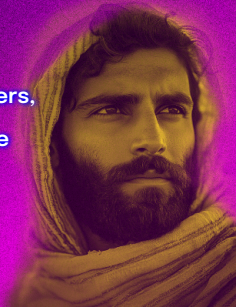
## GENESIS 50:22-26

<sup>22</sup> Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years <sup>23</sup> and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.



# GENESIS 50:22-26

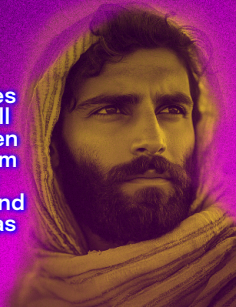
<sup>24</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."





## GENESIS 50:22-26

<sup>25</sup> And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.



**ASSURANCE**

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**FUTURE HOPE**

**because of  
what God has  
done in the past**