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Title: God Would Like Us to Forgive Those Who Do Wrong to Us and Be Kind to Them

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21

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 - i. Am I in the place of God? (v. 19b)
 - ii. Do we trust that God works for our good?

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 - C. Joseph foreshadows Jesus, who forgave our sins and provided for us.

- V. Conclusion
 - A. The Spirit of God is always with us. He never forsakes us.
 - B. Forgive those who did wrong to you; be kind to them.

Context

The context of this scripture passage comes right after Jacob's death. There was a famine in the land. Joseph's brothers, who sold him to slavery, came to ask for food in Egypt. They wondered if Joseph would take advantage of his power and position. They were afraid that he would take revenge.

Questions and Answers

1. How many wives and children the patriarch Jacob had?
 _____. _____ sons and _____ daughter.

2. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he had been born to him in his old age, and he made an ornate _____ for him (Genesis 37:3). When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they _____ Him and could not speak _____ to him.

3. Joseph's brothers sold him at age _____ into slavery to Ishmaelites for _____ of silver. (Refer: Genesis 37:2, 37:25, and 37:28).

4. Who was Potiphar to Joseph? Refer Genesis: 39:1 _____

5. ...his master's wife took notice of him and said, "Come to _____ with me." But he refused (Genesis 39:7). ...She caught him by the cloak and said, "Come to _____ with me." But he left his cloak in her hand and _____ out of the house (Genesis 39:12). Who is this person running out of the house? Refer Genesis: 39:6c _____

6. Joseph said, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the _____ of God? (Genesis 50:19b)

7. Joseph said, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for _____ to accomplish what is now being done, _____ many lives (Genesis 50:20).

8. Joseph said, "But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to _____ being put in a _____" (Genesis 40:14-15). Who was this person Joseph was talking to? Refer to Genesis 40:23 for answer: _____

9. Joseph truly trusted God. He _____ that God was working for his good in all things.

10. BUT GOD raised Him from _____, freeing him from the agony of death because death could not keep its _____ hold on him. Refer to Acts 2:23-24. Who are we talking about?