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Genesis 50:15-21

Lessons from Joseph's Life

1. Joseph learned to interpret _____ through the _____ of God's _____

2. Joseph learned to define _____ by God's saving _____

3. Joseph learned to _____ God's character through _____

Gospel Assurance

Because God brought the greatest _____ out of the greatest _____ through the cross, we can trust Him with our own _____

Memory Verse

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

MY NEXT STEP IS TO...

- Trust Jesus and begin to follow Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize Romans 8:28
- Ask God to help me interpret my life through the lens of His purposes rather than my circumstances
- Trust God with an area of pain or uncertainty where I cannot yet see His purpose
- Look for opportunities this week to extend God's mercy to someone who has wronged me





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