

Family Talk – *Forgiveness*

READ TOGETHER

Genesis 45:1–8

1. Genesis 45:2 says that Joseph broke down and wept. What do you think brought him to this point?
2. What do you imagine the brothers thought when they realized they were in the presence of their brother Joseph?
3. How did Joseph see God moving even in the wicked actions of his brothers?

LIVE IT

Joseph finally reveals who he is to his brothers. Instead of taking pleasure in a *gotcha* moment, Joseph weeps. He tells his brothers not to be angry with themselves for the awful things they did to him. What a great perspective! Love keeps no record of wrongs (1 Corinthians 13:5). Joseph goes further and acknowledges God's work through their wicked deeds.

Do you believe God is ultimately working for your good, even when nothing seems to go your way? How about when those closest to you act against you? Do you believe that God can take what's intended for evil and use it for good? Joseph, in his incredible faith, believed this. Reflect on Romans 8:28 and pray that God gives you faith like Joseph's.

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

You cause all things to work together for Your glory and our good. Help us believe this even when everything and everyone seem to be against us. You are for us, and You love us. You remain faithful even when we're unfaithful to You. Thank You for Your amazing grace.

In Jesus' name,

