

Joseph and Forgiveness

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Pray

- Pray for God to open your heart and mind, for the Spirit to help you study.



To Begin

- How would you define forgiveness?
- Have you ever struggled with forgiving someone? Explain



Scripture

- Read the following chapters in Genesis about Joseph.
 - Joseph sold by his brothers 37
 - Potiphar's wife 39
 - Cupbearer and Baker 40
 - Joseph reveals himself to his brothers 45
 - Joseph holds no grudge 50:15-21
- Write out who wronged Joseph and how.

- What might be some alternative negative responses to these situations that Joseph could have had?

- What were some of Joseph's reasons for the hardships in his life?
Genesis 45:4-8, 50:15-21

- Jot down what you appreciate about how Joseph responded to hardships and about how he forgave people.

- Read these verses on forgiveness and jot down your thoughts.
 - Matthew 18:21-35

 - Luke 17:3-4

 - Ephesians 4:29-32

 - Colossians 3:13

For further Study:
God's forgiveness

Ps 103:8-12
Isaiah 43:25
Isaiah 38:17
Isaiah 44:22
Isaiah 55:7
Jeremiah 31:34
Micah 7:18-19



Application

- Spend time praying over the verses in this study. Then write down what you will do to apply these ideas.
- **Questions to ponder:** Is there someone I need to forgive **or** something I need to accept God's forgiveness for? Is there anyone I need to confront **or** ask forgiveness from? How and when will I do this?