



## “Living For the One Who Inhabits Eternity”

Genesis 50:14-26

Our *Genesis* journey began with the creation of everything and the world's first couple.

- When Adam and Eve chose to defy God, evil got a grip and continued to escalate.
- *Genesis* is a narrative of God's unrelenting purpose of redemption. *Genesis* 3:15

God's really big promise to Abraham: Land, great name/nation, a blessing to all. *Gen.* 12:1-4

- God loves to use flawed people who humbly yield to His will and join in His purposes.
- The God of *Genesis* never winked at sin: Fiery destruction of cities/Worldwide flood.

Joseph and his brothers enter their final phase of life at very different spiritual levels.

- Joseph refused to let anything define him other than what God declared to be true.
- Joseph's fearful brothers haven't owned Joseph's forgiveness and grace. *Gen.* 50:15

When we live under the umbrella of sin and guilt, our emotions will take us to dark places.

- Unbelief causes God's acts of grace to become obscured - Slippery slope of negativity.
- Deal with the junk from your past that holds you back: Confess > Receive forgiveness.

Instead of seeking vengeance against his brothers, Joseph chose to dispense God's grace.

- Joseph refused to play God - He trusted Him to right all the wrongs. *50:19; Rom.* 12:19
- Joseph saw the link between God's sovereign purposes and his brothers' evil actions.

“Coffin” *50:26* - Earth is just a short stop over on our way to eternity. *Col.* 3:1-4; *James* 4:14

- Joseph's coffin offered hope to enslaved Israel - We find hope of rescue in the cross.
- Live every day of your life through the filter of eternity - Seeing Jesus face-to-face.

### Further Study and Pondering:

1. Why do you think God is so intent in rescuing mankind from their evil choices?
2. What does it mean to you that God chose to use imperfect people to fulfill His plan?
3. What do God's severe judgments in *Genesis* teach us about His character?
4. Are you letting anything besides God's truth define who you are? Say yes to God.
5. Read (*Romans* 8:1; *1 John* 1:9,10) - Refuse to live any longer under the umbrella of sin/guilt.
6. Read (*Psalms* 90:10-12; *2 Cor.* 4:16-5:10; *Hebrews* 9:27,28; *12:1-3*; *James* 4:13-15; *Revelation* 22:20,21)

**Prayer:** Ask God to help you live every day of your life through the filter of eternity.

**“Live in anticipation of your face-to-face encounter with Jesus.”**