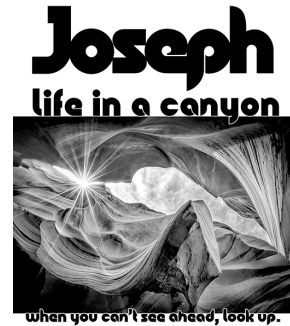


Notes:

Sierra Community Church
October 11th, 2015 Dan Wilvers Part 4



**Three Marks of a
Changed Heart
Genesis 50:14-21**

1. Leave the righting of wrongs to God-Being Humble

“Am I in the place of God?” vs.19

Joseph’s use of the rhetorical question reflects his commitment to restraint. Being in a position of power over others is not a license to use that power.

3 ways we take God’s place:

- **being our own moral authority**

“Eat from that tree and you will be as God knowing good from evil”
Genesis 3:5

You’ve made your opinions the absolute truth for life.

- **excessive worry**

“Why do you worry so excessively about what you will eat or about what you’ll put on or about your health?” “Only your Father in heaven knows exactly what you need, and only your Father in heaven has the ultimate power to *give* you what you need.” Matthew 6:25

Excessive worry comes when you’re afraid God won’t get it right.

- **holding a grudge**

“Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” Romans 12:19

By repaying evil with evil you become evil.

2. Seeing from God's view-Unsinkable in circumstances

"You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good," Genesis 50:20

The normal way we look at troubles is, *"If I'm having a good life, God is good. But if things are going badly, God is bad, or maybe he's not there."*

Joseph says. *"Life is hard, and my life was filled with pain, but God is good."*

Bad things are happening and God is absolutely good.
That is what Joseph clings to.

3. Modeling God's love-Loving our enemies

" 'So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them." Genesis 50:21

"You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. 44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. 46 If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. 47 If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. Matthew 5:43-47

14 Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ..17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. 18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Romans 12:14,17,18

When you understand that God is merciful to you, it *humbles you* and, but on the other hand, it also *assures you*. because you say, *"His affection isn't resting on my performance."*

When you're humbled and assured, it gives you the ability to love even those who have harmed you.

We have a greater revelation than Joseph.

Jesus is the ultimate example of people meaning it for evil but God bringing good out of it.

So our humility is greater, but then again so is our assurance of God's love through the cross.