

FARM FRESH FAITH

This week we will be studying the life of Joseph. It is sure to be a fantastic week! As we reflect upon the example this faithful man gives us, let us take note of his summation of everything that had happened to him in his life.

Genesis 50:19-21

19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people [b] should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A couple of truths jump out at us from this passage.

Humanity is sinful. We can look all around and see the consequences of sin. They affect us as well as our family, friends, and neighbors. Sometimes, they are a result of our failings. At times, they are the result of others' sins. This doesn't make it any easier. Joseph had to deal with his own sins and bear the hatred of his brothers, the lies of an owner, and the unfulfilled promises of colleagues. In his early days, Joseph had to deal with a lot.

The redeeming quality of this broken world is that **God is in the business of doing good.** He is good all the time, and His righteousness never changes. He is working for the goodness of his purpose, and in it he blesses his children (Romans 8:28). Joseph was redeemed and redeemed. Even when he didn't know how things would turn out, redemption would come. Looking back, he realized that it wasn't so much for his glorification but to redeem his family in the future.

Even when the sinfulness of man feels overwhelming, God is still working. Yep, He is still working! Can you see what God is doing? Have you considered how he uses you to do good in a broken world? See it, embrace it, and do it!

May God renew our faith this week and challenge us to be his partners in doing his good throughout the world.

Thanks, Joseph!

Shalom,
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