

Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: **Genesis 45**

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Message Outline ...

God has you, where he has you, for the good of those around you...

- Intro: Sovereignty and Free will both exist.
- 2 main points:
 - God uses the sinful acts of sinful people to accomplish his divine purposes.
 - This does not give the Believer license to sin. Romans 6:1-2
 - μή γένοιτο = inconceivable
 - God has me, where he has me, for the good of those around me.
 - God has me:
 - Gen. 39:7-9; 40:8; 41:16; 41:50-52; 45:5; 45:8
 - Sold into slavery. The Lord was with Joseph.
 - Working hard and making his master rich. The Lord was with Joseph.
 - Falsely accused. The Lord was with Joseph.
 - Unjustly imprisoned. The Lord was with Joseph.
 - John 10:27
 - Where He has me:
 - Not just location but situation.
 - For the good of those around me:
 - **Gen. 2:7**, "then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."
 - **Proverbs 8:35-36, 35** "For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, 36 but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death."
 - **Matthew 20:28**, "...even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
 - **John 11:25**, "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
 - **John 14:6**, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
 - **John 10:10**, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
 - **Revelation 22:17**, "The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price."
- **If God has you then you have...**
 - Peace with God. Romans 5:1
- **God has you where he has you, you have...**
 - Peace of God. Phil. 4:4-7
- **God has you where he has you, for the good of those around you, you have...**
 - Purpose of God = Life

Questions for Growth ...

Re-read Genesis chapter 45 ~

- ◆ As you face the challenge of forgiving others, what do you find most challenging about the story of Joseph?

- ◆ How does forgiving & releasing others become a powerful tool in sharing your journey with Jesus?

- ◆ Have you “forgiven” someone yet harbor bitterness toward them? How does that affect your relationship with them?

- ◆ Knowing the sovereignty of God, why do we continue to be impatient with God’s timing? What are some remedies for that?

- ◆ In this passage of Genesis 45, how does Joseph remain loyal to Pharaoh? What does this reveal about his character?

- ◆ If you have not heard this message, you can find it at <https://ridgelinecc.org/messages/>
What important point resonated with you regarding this message and why?