



Reconcile

Scripture

- 1 Joseph could no longer keep his composure in front of all his attendants, so he called out, “Send everyone away from me!” No one was with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers.
- 2 But he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and also Pharaoh’s household heard it.
- 3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But they could not answer him because they were terrified in his presence.
- 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Please, come near me,” and they came near. “I am Joseph, your brother,” he said, “the one you sold into Egypt.
- 5 And now don’t be grieved or angry with yourselves for selling me here, because God sent me ahead of you to preserve life.
- 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there will be five more years without plowing or harvesting.
- 7 God sent me ahead of you to establish you as a remnant within the land and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.
- 8 Therefore it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.
- 9 “Return quickly to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: “God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me without delay.
- 10 You can settle in the land of Goshen and be near me—you, your children, and your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and all you have.
- 11 There I will sustain you, for there will be five more years of famine. Otherwise, you, your household, and everything you have will become destitute.”
- 12 Look! Your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin can see that I’m the one speaking to you.
- 13 Tell my father about all my glory in Egypt and about all you have seen. And bring my father here quickly.”
- 14 Then Joseph threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder.
- 15 Joseph kissed each of his brothers as he wept, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45:1-15 CSB



Additional Resources

Explore the Bible: Genesis, Spring 2024; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Genesis, Kenneth A. Matthews



God's Word - Devoted to Him

Forgiveness

"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us" This is the only part of the (Lord's) prayer that Christ explained. *"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."* Notice that when you go into the door of God's kingdom, you go in through the door of forgiveness. I never knew of a man getting a blessing in his own soul if he was not willing to forgive others. If we are unwilling to forgive others, God cannot forgive us. I do not know how language could be more plain than it is in these words of our Lord.

I firmly believe a great many prayers are not answered because we are not willing to forgive someone. Let your mind go back over the past, and through the circle of your acquaintance; are there any against whom you are cherishing hard feelings? Is there any root of bitterness springing up against someone who has perhaps injured you? It may be that for months or years you have been nursing this unforgiving spirit; how can you ask God to forgive you? If I am not willing to forgive those who may have committed some single offense against me, what a mean, contemptible thing it would be for me to ask God to forgive the ten thousand sins of which I have been guilty!

But Christ goes still further. He says: *"If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."* It may be that you are saying: "I do not know that I have anything against anyone." Has anyone anything against you? Is there someone who thinks you have done them wrong? Perhaps you have not; but it may be they think you have. I will tell you what I would do before I go to sleep tonight; I would go and see them, and have the question settled. You will find that you will be greatly blessed in the very act.

Supposing you are in the right and they are in the wrong; you may win your brother or sister. May God root out of all our hearts this unforgiving spirit.

From The Collected Works of D. L. Moody

**"We are most like beasts when we kill.
We are most like men when we judge.
We are most like God when we forgive."**

William Arthur Ward

SOAP

SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Revenge?

Main Passage for May 26 – Genesis 50:15-26 CSB

Monday - Genesis 50:15-17

Wednesday - Genesis 50:22-23

Friday - Genesis 50:25-26

Tuesday – Genesis 50:18-21

Thursday - Genesis 50:24

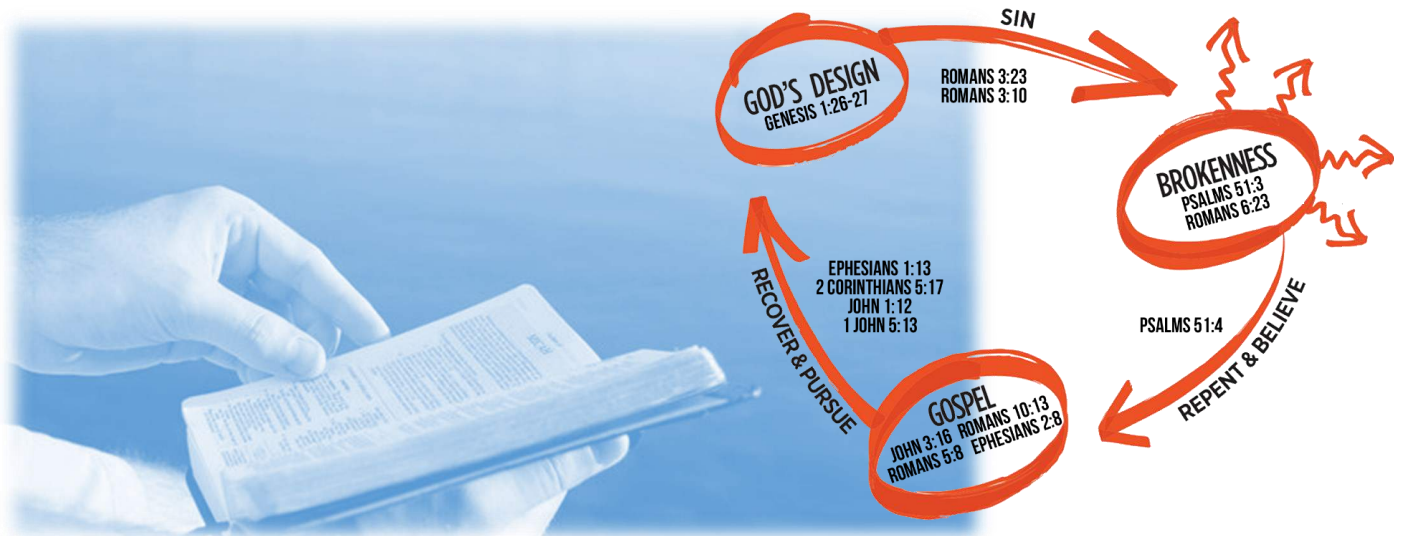
Saturday - Exodus 13:19

Memory Verse: Genesis 50:20

*You planned evil against me;
God planned it for good to bring about the present result, the survival of many people.*

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Life, Not Law

Tithing is life, not law.

Over the years, I've had too many well-meaning but misguided Christians react to the message about tithing by telling me they don't tithe because "tithing is part of 'the Law.'"

With all my heart, I want you to understand something: Tithing is not law to me—it is *life!*

Let me say that again. I don't tithe because tithing was a part of the Old Testament law; I tithe because it's life to me and to my family. Moreover, as we began to see in the previous chapter, it is a principle that runs throughout the Word of God. In fact, we saw that it predates the law of Moses by thousands of years.

The principle of the tithe (or firstfruits or firstborn) was in operation as Abraham was asked to offer Isaac and when he gave a tenth of the spoils to Melchizedek—a representation of Jesus Christ (see Gen. 14:18-20, Heb. 5-7).

This principle goes all the way back to the opening chapters of Genesis, where we see Abel's offering accepted and Cain's rejected. In a sense, it even goes back further than that! We can see the principle of the tithe in God's instructions to Adam and Eve about the tree in the Garden of Eden.

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the Garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Gen. 2:15-17).

Notice that in giving Adam and Eve stewardship of the Garden, God gave them every tree from which they could eat freely except for one. Exercising faithful stewardship of the Garden meant leaving that one tree alone. They were not to take the fruit for themselves and consume it. Being faithful stewards meant *life* to Adam and Eve. By choosing to eat of the fruit of the tree, they were acting like *owners* rather than *stewards*.

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May 19th

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
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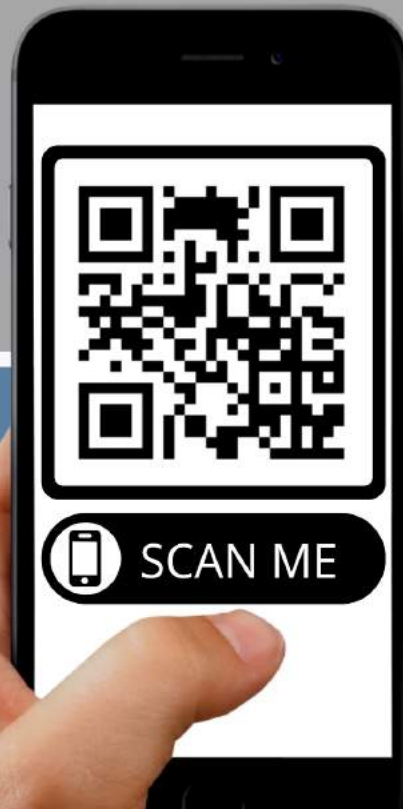




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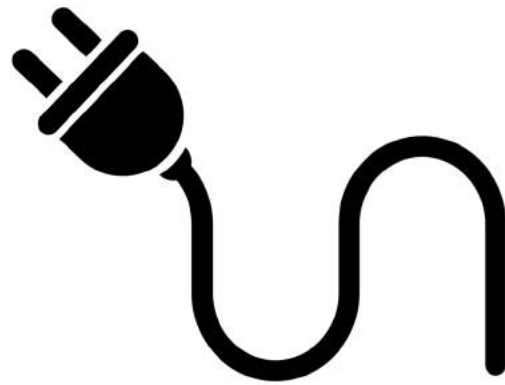


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**Connect Kids Leader Training
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**May 19th - 5:00 PM
Children's Worship Room**

**Please register for childcare at cc.today
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For more information: Greg Maffet: gjmaffet@hotmail.com**





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Awana Awards Ceremony

May 22nd - 7:00 PM
Worship Center

Join us as we celebrate another wonderful year!
Cake will be served on the patio.



Senior Adult Fellowship

Games / Laughter / Fun / Food

May 24th - 6:30 PM
Activity Center

Bring a salad, dessert, or covered dish to share.

Cost \$2.00 Per Person



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Connect Nights Young Adult Worship Night

Worship Around the Camp Fire
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Sports Garden



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May 26th – 12:00 PM

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Video Presentation & Graduation Celebration Lunch

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