**GENESIS: Exploring The Foundations Of Our Faith: Genesis 50**

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**“But God…"**

*Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him.****2****Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to* ***embalm*** *his father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him,****3****taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him* ***seventy days****.* Genesis 50:1-3

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***15****When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “****What if*** *Joseph holds a grudge against us and* ***pays us back*** *for all the wrongs we did to him?”* ***16****So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died:****17****‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept.* Genesis 50:16-17

***18****His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.* ***19****But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God?* Genesis 50:18-19

***20****You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.* Genesis 50:20

***21****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

***22****Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father’s family. He lived a hundred and ten years****23****and saw the third generation of Ephraim’s*

*children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph’s knees.* Genesis 50:22-23

***24****Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die. But God will surely* ***come to your aid****and* ***take you up out of this land to the land****he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”* Genesis 50:24

***25****And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, “****God will surely come to your aid****, and then you must* ***carry my bones****up from this place.”* Genesis 50:25 (Heb 11:22)

***26****So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they* ***embalmed*** *him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.* Genesis 50:2

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