

The Aftermath

Part 2 – Intended For Good

Scripture

Primary Verses: Genesis 50:15-21

Have everyone read the verses out loud. It's best not to comment during the reading.

Observations

Genesis 50:15-17 – Why do you think Joseph's father had to 'leave instructions' for Joseph to forgive his brothers? Why do you think Joseph wept?

Genesis 50:18-19 – Why do you think Joseph's brothers 'threw themselves down', even after they had given Joseph the note from their father and seen him weep? What is significant about Joseph's response to his brothers in verse 19?

Genesis 50:20 – Do you think Joseph had this attitude all his life, or only after his trials had passed? What are the implications regarding our own spiritual growth?

Application

Do you struggle with remembering Jesus' humanity? Do you believe that Jesus experienced all the temptations and trials in His life that you have experienced? How does your answer shape the way you live your life?

Is there a part of Pastor Troy's story that struck a chord with you? Have you been abandoned by someone? Have you prayed for years for a result that never came to pass? Does life seem unfair to you? Do you believe that despite these tragedies, God can and will use them for good?

As Pastor Troy said, "We can choose to be filled with poison in response to hardship and pain, or we can be filled with the purposes of God." If you are willing, discuss a tragedy in your life and have an honest conversation about your response to that hardship.

Prayer of the Week

Psalms 22:1-5, 27-28 (ESV) - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame...All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations."

Pastor's Message Growth Groups

Group Flow

Catch Up

How was your week?

Scripture

Read the primary sermon verse(s) out loud

Observations

Make observations about all listed verses

Application

How should these verses change your life?

Prayer

Close the group with this prayer

Have some extra time?

Check out these related verses:

Genesis 9:5, 27:41-45, 37:20

Micah 4:11-12

Zephaniah 3:11

Matthew 6:14, 27:46

Romans 8:28

1 Peter 3:9