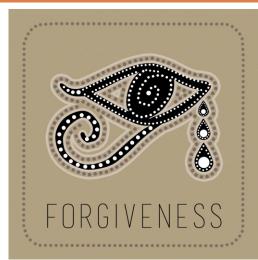
Ep. #5 - Forgiveness THE STORY OF GOD

Genesis 37, 39-50



The great -grandson of Abraham, Joseph, is a dreamer, who endures slavery and prison before miraculously being elevated to the right hand of Egypt's Pharaoh. Joseph forgives his brothers and the God-promise family is rescued.

GOD: <u>He arranges all circumstances, even bad ones, to bring about</u> <u>good and to keep His God-promise alive through Abraham's</u> <u>descendants.</u>

HUMANS: <u>We can trust and believe God, even when we are in bad</u> <u>circumstances</u>; when we forgive, God works through that <u>forgiveness</u>.

Remember: God's actions **THROUGH**Joseph are much more important than Joseph's actions themselves.

Even though we see a story of fleeing temptation, how to handle hardships with faith, and offering forgiveness... The story remains focused on a remaining Promise.

MY NOTES:

Joseph in Slavery

*God can use even <u>WICKED BEHAVIOR</u> to bring about His plan.

*No matter what goes wrong, we can <u>**TRUST</u>** that God will help us know how to <u>**HONOR**</u> Him.</u>

*When we HONOR God, He can HONOR us, even in difficult situations.

Joseph in Prison

*God **<u>REMAINED</u>** with Joseph through all of his trials.

*God honored Joseph because Joseph honored God with his CHOICES.

*He may not always bring about **FAVORABLE** circumstances from bad ones, but we know that God can work through any situation.

Joseph's Family

*God <u>PLANS</u> for the future. *God <u>TAKES CARE</u> of His people. *God <u>FULFILLS</u> covenant promises.