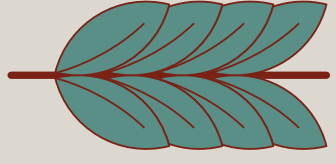


REWRITING

GOD'S FUTURE OVER OUR FAMILY HURTS

God gave Joseph a dream for his future, but his father wasn't supportive and his brothers hated him for it. Perhaps it was the dream itself; or perhaps it was the way he shared that dream which gave his brothers disdain. As Joseph went to check on his brothers, before he could say hello, they hatched a plan to kill him. Instead of receiving a warm greeting, he experienced deep personal betrayal and rejection. Imagine the depth of pain when those you love most, exact the greatest harm upon you.

Instead of death however, Joseph's life was spared as at just the right moment, a slave caravan headed for Egypt appeared and took Joseph. God proved faithful when his brothers were most faithless. God would eventually bring Joseph's dream to fruition although in a much different way than he could have imagined. God reminds us that betrayal of others can't thwart God's plans for us because God writes His faithfulness over the hurts of others.



REMEMBER

Where did you see God present with you this week?

Where did He surprise you with His power and love?

Take a moment to give him thanks for His presence with you.

REVIEW READ GENESIS 37:12-36

What do you learn about the different ways the brothers treated each other?

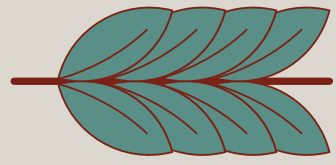
What kinds of betrayal did Joseph experience?

In Genesis 50:20, Joseph told the brothers what they meant for evil, God meant for God. Why does Joseph call what they did evil?

Where do you see glimpses of God showing His faithfulness to Joseph?

What promises of God would Joseph have held on to.





REWRITE

When have you experienced betrayal from family, friends, co-workers or others?

How did that betrayal make you feel?

What scars do you still bear because of that?

Willingly surrender those to Jesus who longs to carry those burdens for us.

What blame are you needlessly carrying for the evil others have done to you?

How have God's plans been fulfilled in our life even after moments of great pain?

REFLECT

In faith, thank God for the future. He is working in your life despite the hurts and intentions of others. Write a prayer that celebrates God's faithfulness even in the moments when others have been faithless. Express gratitude and hope that God hasn't finished writing your story and that He has more to come for you.

