



Genesis: It Began in Paradise, It Ended in Egypt

Genesis 50

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Remembering God's grace in the past is a key to living faithfully with God today and tomorrow.

We must be careful that we don't look back mostly with regret.

We must look back and remember what the Holy Spirit has done and taught while we have time to act, change and trust the Lord.

Genesis 50:22-26 TEXT

1- Remember that you're in this place, at this time, on purpose, for God's purposes.

We can get caught into thinking that some other time is better than our time.

It's natural to romanticize other times, to try and recreate some other time, or get to get stuck in the sadness of what should have been.

God intended the people in Genesis to be where they were.

God intends us to be where we are.

He has plans for you today, in this season.

Are you looking for and praying for an open heart to see them?
Like Joseph, God has insured you are where you are for this time-
what will you do with it?

Are you stuck in the past?

Are you trying to recreate the past?

Are you in bondage to the sadness and bitterness of what “should be”?

God has you HERE:

How can you do this for God’s glory, for the world to see His fame through you?

2- Remember to prepare for a good death.

Death is all over the book of Genesis- everyone dies!

Genesis tells us the best way to prepare for a good death is to conform to reality as best we can.

Genesis sets the parameters for our reality

What has God done?

What is God doing?

What has God promised about your future?

What choices can you make now to live in light of those things?

Genesis ends with a death; begins with a garden.

How had Joseph prepared for a good death?

He lived a life conforming to God’s reality.

Because of the reality of Genesis 3, we are all guaranteed to die
we are not guaranteed to die well, which comes from living well.

Are you preparing for a good death today?

3- Remember the gracious works of the living God and faithfully pursue him today.

God created our souls with bodies; both are good.

We often struggle to remember the proper goodness of our bodies.

We must remember who God is and choose to worship Him in our bodies. (Rom. 12)

We need grace more than we know and more than we think we do.

Genesis 6:5; are we any better than that?

Genesis reminds us that we need a Savior and that God has faithfully worked to provide saviors/A Savior.

We must remember God's gracious work then and now through Jesus and faithfully pursue Him every day.

4) Remember that it all points to Jesus because that's the great story of history and Scripture.

We are not the hero or the focal point of the story.

We are the ones who need rescuing, the twisted villains.

In the midst of all of the suffering that our sin brings, we often wonder where God is in the midst of it?

Genesis sheds a lot of light on righteous people suffering.

The Bible gives us permission to wrestle with all the why's and what for's in our suffering.

Genesis shows us that it's possible to not understand or like God's way.

But to still walk with him in faith.

And to know that God is working for us through it all.

And that God is changing us for the better.

All of the people in Genesis and the object of their hope point us to Jesus.

Genesis is the beginning of our problem and our hope.

The Answer to both is Jesus.

Jesus entered our painful, broken, sinful world in order to:

Save us.

Transform us.

Give us an unforgettable future (Rev. 21 & 22)

Remember to live for Jesus in faith wherever he has you now.

Remember the gracious works of God and live in faith today.

Remember to prepare for a good death with how you live today.

Remember it all points us to Jesus.