

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR GROWN UPS
Part Five: Joseph
Pastor Rick Henderson June 29-30, 2024

QUESTION: Are there chapters of major difficulty in your past, that you would have never chosen, but because of what was developed in you, you wouldn't change them, even if you could?

QUESTION: Who am I becoming?

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REALITY CHECK: It's easier to schedule **SPEECHES** than **CONVERSATIONS**.

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These are sophisticated stories written to **SHARPEN** our minds and **SOFTEN** our hearts so that we **TRUST** in Jesus.

We are all vulnerable to making **EXCUSES** for things for which there is no **EXCUSE**.

GENESIS 50:15-21 *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?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: '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. His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.*

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The pattern of saviors and the pattern of deliverers in the Bible is that the very people the deliverer is sent to is not only rejected but saved through the rejection. –Tim Keller

We want to **WIN** the world, not **BEAT** the world.

LUKE 6:27-36 *“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”*