

## Genesis 50 Bible Devotions

### ☐ Monday - Don't Waste Your Life!

Genesis 50:1, 26

Jacob died at the ripe old age of 147 (Gen. 47:28), and Joseph died at the age of 110 (Gen. 50:26), and life expectancy continued to decrease (Psa. 90:10). From the perspective of eternity our lives are incredibly short. Man's life is likened to a vapor (Jam. 4:14); a single breath (Psa. 144:4); a flower (Psa. 103:15-16); and a shadow (Psa. 109:23). "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time" (Eph. 5:15-16). Read Psalm 90:12

### ☐ Tuesday - God's Love & Forgiveness.

Genesis 50:15-17

"When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph should bear a grudge against us and pay us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!' So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, 'Your father charged before he died, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph, 'Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.' And Joseph wept when they spoke to him" (Gen. 50:15-17). The forgiveness Joseph had shown earlier was so undeserved that his brothers still couldn't believe it. Yes, God's kind of love and forgiveness is shocking! And that love has been shed abroad in your heart Christian (Rom. 5:5).  
Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

### ☐ Wednesday - Biblical Elements of Forgiveness.

Genesis 50:19-21

Joseph's brothers had been malicious toward him, but he forgave them. True biblical forgiveness: [1] Doesn't take into account a wrong suffered (1 Cor. 13:5); [2] Covers a multitude of sin (1 Pet. 4:8-9); [3] Forgives others the way God has forgiven you (Eph. 4:32); [4] Forgives eventy times seven times (Mt. 18:21-22); and [5] Never pays back evil for evil (Rom. 12:17).

### ☐ Thursday - Premeditated Plan.

Genesis 50:20

"And as for you, you meant evil against me, but *God meant it* for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive" (Gen. 50:20). God is sovereign even over evil, and weaves men's sinful acts, not by mere permission, but rather by His intention, into His perfect plan. Read Job 2:10

### ☐ Friday - Coffin of Hope.

Genesis 50:25-26

"Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, 'God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.' So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt" (Gen. 50:25-26). Each succeeding generation of Israelites that looked upon Joseph's coffin was reminded of the promise of a future deliverance from Egypt and entrance into the promised land (Gen. 15:13-14). For us, the cross and the empty tomb are just such a hope – that one day "the Deliverer will come from Zion" (Rom. 11:26), "deliver us out of this present evil age" (Gal. 1:4) and "transfer us into the kingdom of His beloved Son" (Col. 1:13). "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:19).  
Read Luke 21:27-28