



HOLD ON

SERMON NOTES

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Trust that the intended evils that others have introduced into your life are things God can use for good and move forward

1. Though we might want to forget our painful experiences, God is wanting to redeem them

Joseph showed that it's "never for nothing" the situations that God walks us through

Genesis 41:56-57

Genesis 42:8-9

Genesis 42:21-24

2. Trusting in God's sovereign control allows you to move forward even when you don't have all of the answers

Genesis 45:5-8

Genesis 50:20

Do you trust that God is working for your good even though you can't make any sense of the muck you're having to walk through today?

3. Rather than hope for a comfortable life, pray for perseverance to live out God's purpose

Genesis 46:29-30

Genesis 15:12-14

Now What?

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of May 6

Hold On #5 - From Forgotten to Forgiver

Home Groups are a place to build friendships, talk about what we are learning, and walk through life together. You can find more information at www.trinityonline.org/connect/home-groups/.



Share It

What painful thing has happened in your life that now feels purposeful?



Study the Bible

The following questions span Genesis 42-50. Notice the theme of God sovereignly working.

How did God use this time interval (13 years) in Joseph's brothers? (42:21-24)

What were some of the things Joseph might have felt in his encounter with brothers? (42:7-24; 45:4-15)

It what ways was God sovereignly working throughout their lives? (42:18, 28; 43:1-30; 45:1-10; 45:16-18; 46:1-4; 50:19-24)

How did Joseph's and his family's perspective change throughout this story?

How did God use all this in His plan for Israel (the Jews)? (45:5-8)



Discuss Together

What are some ways that God teaches us His perspective on life?
How does this help us process evils done toward us?

How and why does knowing and understanding the character of God enable us to trust Him in all things?

What are ways that God redeems our painful experiences? How can we even be thankful?

How can God use painful experiences to be an influence for Jesus in our world?



Pray

- Praise God for His sovereign leadership and His good purposes
- Pray for the middle and high school students, many of whom faces challenges and pains
- Remember the many believers in the world encountering hardships
- Lift up friends going through trials of many kinds
- Pray for people in your world that you can encourage and serve



Apply It This Week

Share with a friend one example of how you have seen God's good purpose in your life.