

MY REVENGE? OR GOD'S RESTORATION?

GENESIS 42:1-38

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Joseph had opportunity for **REVENGE** (42:1-17)

old wounds v. 8-16 Psalm 147:3;

Joe hits pause v. 17 Romans 12:17-21; James 1:19-20; Proverbs 19:11

⬆ but chose to **PARTICIPATE** with God's plan, (42:18-25)

trusting God v. 18 Isaiah 26:3; Proverbs 3:5-6

giving grace (undeserved favor) v. 19-25 Luke 6:36; Romans 5:8

↔ leaving room for *God* to **STIR SORROW** and set up **RESTORATION**. (42:26-38)

Godly sorrow v. 28, 35 2 Corinthians 7:10; Psalm 51:15; Joel 2:13; Acts 3:19-20

grace and peace v. 26-27, 35 Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 4:32



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Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card (pew rack or in the app), or contact the church office! Most groups break for the holidays, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!



In the meantime, check out a **Summer Group** this summer! They are casual groups set up around a variety of activities intended to help you form more connections and friendships across Wawasee Bible.



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Food for Thought...

- Pausing for God's Timing:** In **Genesis 42:17**, Joseph paused for three days before acting, showing restraint despite his power to retaliate. **Read Psalm 37:7-8 and James 1:19-20** together. How do these scriptures reinforce the importance of pausing to seek God's wisdom in moments of anger or hurt? Compare Joseph's pause to a situation in your life where waiting (or not waiting) impacted the outcome. What practical steps can you take to "hit pause" like Joseph when tempted to react impulsively?

- Extending Grace:** Joseph gave his brothers grain and returned their money (**Genesis 42:25**), an act of undeserved favor despite their past cruelty. How does this reflect the grace God extends to us? When was a time you received or offered grace in a difficult relationship. How did it impact the situation? What challenges do you face in giving grace to those who don't deserve it, and how can Joseph's example inspire you to overcome them?

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We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue three things:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more* than you consume!

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Romans 12:19-21 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹⁹ Beloved, never	H	U	Y	C	O	A	L	S	G	A	E
avenge yourselves,	E	T	T	N	E	V	E	R	O	L	N
but leave it to the	A	L	H	O	V	E	R	C	O	M	E
wrath of God, for it is	D	O	I	N	G	N	F	N	D	H	M
written, " Vengeance is	R	R	R	C	L	G	V	F	R	U	Y
mine, I will repay , says	E	D	S	O	M	E	T	H	I	N	G
the Lord . ²⁰ "To the	P	D	T	N	F	A	E	E	N	G	F
contrary , "if your	A	N	Y	T	T	N	V	A	K	R	E
enemy is hungry,	Y	U	Y	R	C	C	I	P	S	Y	E
feed him; if he is	A	L	A	A	B	E	L	O	V	E	D
thirsty , give him	R	B	U	R	N	I	N	G	I	V	E
something to drink;	T	S	A	Y	S	E	L	E	A	V	E
for by so doing you											
will heap burning											
coals on his head ."											
²¹ Do not be overcome											
by evil , but overcome											
evil with good .											



Food for Thought (continued)

3. **Godly Sorrow and Repentance:** The brothers' guilt and fear in **Genesis 42:28, 35** show godly sorrow beginning to work in their hearts. **Read 2 Corinthians 7:10 and compare it to Psalm 51:17.** How do these scriptures describe the role of godly sorrow in leading to repentance and restoration? Do you have a past experience where conviction led you to confess a sin or seek reconciliation? How can we discern between godly sorrow, which leads to life, and worldly sorrow, which brings despair, in our own lives?

4. **Restoration Through Grace:** Joseph's tests created tension in his family (**Genesis 42:36-38**), yet set the stage for reconciliation. How does God use tension or trials in your life to prepare you for restoration with him or others? What role does grace play in resolving family or relational conflicts, as seen in Joseph's story? What are some practical ways you can pray for and pursue peace and reconciliation in strained relationships?



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