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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Leader, please make these available to your group.

Women's refresh this year will be focused on our BELOVED Jesus. It will be a precious time to spend time in worship and prayer, hearing encouragement from the women at our church who have inspiration for how to spend that precious time with Jesus despite our busy lives. You will leave REFRESHED in the spirit of the Lord and we all need that!

Men please spend time praying for the women of this church that this day meets them where they are and ministers to the their hearts.

Get your ticket here - lunch is included and bring a friend!



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Week 33 | Redemption, The Final Word | Genesis 50:20

HUMAN FAILURE DOES NOT FRUSTRATE GOD'S PURPOSE

I hope you're not one of those people who always has to have the last word. You know what I'm talking about? The last word in a debate, about a political opinion, or in a heated argument. As if getting the last word somehow puts you in the winning position. The only last words that really matter are the ones that come from God and some of the last words in Genesis are the best words in the Bible. Genesis begins with the glory of God's creation and the catastrophe of man's fall and it ends with the powerful statement that what man means for evil God can mean for good. God's intention always stands and He is even able to redeem human failure to fulfill His eternal purpose. Far from being a final point that punctuates the closure of Genesis, Joseph's statement introduces the extraordinary theme of redemption that runs through the Bible and finds its ultimate climax in the sacrifice and glorification of Jesus.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to reflect and pray over what God has spoken to you and accomplished in and through you during the study of Genesis.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Describe the times and situations that God has taken your failures and turned them into something that worked for your good and the good of others.

What lessons did you learn in the process? How can you encourage those in your life group who may be struggling with failure?

Redemption is the message of Genesis and the theme that runs through the whole Bible.

2. **According to the teaching, describe how the scarlet thread of redemption runs through the Scriptures? What does redemption mean and how does it integrate the overall message of the Bible? What does it teach us about what God really cares about and the message we should share?**

Cut the Bible anywhere and it bleeds. The blood of Jesus stains every page, every book, in both testaments.

William Evans



3. Spend extended time discussing the various ways that God spoke to you individually and as a group through the study of this book.

What new things did you learn? What were key things He directed you to apply? What blessings and miracles did you experience?

4. **Spend some time in prayer thanking God for what He has been doing in your life and ask Him to prepare you for our next study, called Ekklesia, that will be focused on His church.**



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Luke 24:25-27

“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, ask God to use you to encourage someone who is struggling with failure. Use the opportunity to direct them to have faith in God, and to place their circumstance in His hands, asking Him for grace and mercy.

We will be waiting with anticipation to hear how God used you to encourage someone.