



**Living Beyond Your Circumstances**  
**Lesson 6: Overcoming an Earthly Mindset**

**Scriptures: Genesis: 50:15-21**

Background Scriptures: Genesis 46-49

Reference Scriptures: Proverbs 28:13, 1 John: 2:15-17, Phil 2:5

**Question:** What did your parents do for you that you did not appreciate until you were older?

**Transgression:** This translation of one of three main Hebrew words for sin denotes a defiant violation of God's law, a brazen revolt, rebellion (vs 17)

**Genesis 50:15-17**

15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee; forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

**Genesis 50:18-19**

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

**Genesis 50:20-21**

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.



## Live It Out

What does it look like to actively trust god in our everyday life?

1. **Trust Jesus.** Submit your life to Jesus and receive forgiveness for your sins.
2. **Be courageous.** Identify an area of life in which fear has held you back. Ask god to help you let go of that fear and move forward with confidence according to His plan
3. **Spread the Word.** Record the story of a time you benefitted from trusting God. Share that story with someone else.

## Application Question

- When have you found forgiveness hard to accept or believe?
- What can it cost us to leave justice in God's hand?
- How can we encourage one another to consider our lives from God's perspective?

## Point to ponder:

God is real, and He is really in control during the hard times in our lives-and in the good times, as well. Even when we can't see the big picture, He can see it. He knows the storms we will face, and He is worthy of our trust.