

Fathers and Forgiveness

***“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”***

*(Matthew 6:12)*

○ **Ephesians 4:31, 32**

*31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander*

*be put away from you, along with all malice.*

*32 Be **kind** to one another, **tender-hearted, forgiving** each other,*

*just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

○ **Colossians 3:12, 13**

*12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved,*

*put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;*

*13 **bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a***

*complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.*

○ **Joseph’s Journey to Forgive**

- **Genesis 37**

*‘...His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers;*

***and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.’ (v.3, 4)***

*‘...they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.’ (v.8)*

*‘When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them,*

***they plotted against him to put him to death.’ (v.18)***

- Sold into slavery – Egypt (v.19-36)
- Falsely accused by Potiphar’s wife – Pharaoh’s dream explained (ch.39-41)
- **Genesis 42**
  - HE CALLS THEM SPIES KEEPING THEM IN PRISON FOR 3 DAYS (v. 17)
  - HE RELEASES ALL BUT ONE TO TAKE GRAIN HOME
  - AND RETURN WITH BENJAMIN (v.18-25)**
- **Genesis 43**
  - THE BROTHERS RETURN TO EGYPT WITH BENJAMIN
  - JOSEPH SERVES HIS BROTHERS A FEAST AT HIS OWN HOUSE (v.30, 32-34)
- **Genesis 44**
  - JOSEPH SENDS HIS BROTHERS AWAY WITH SACKS OF GRAIN
  - SILVER CUP PLANTED IN BENJAMIN’S**
- **Genesis 45**
  - JOSEPH CAN’T CONTAIN HIMSELF ANY LONGER (v.1-5; 14, 15)
- **Genesis 50:15-21**

*‘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.’ (v.20)*

**DROP YOUR SACK OF HATE POTATOES FOR FORGIVENESS FRIES!**