

III. TRUST GOD WHEN EVIL HAPPENS TO YOU

A. Trust in God's plan.

¹⁹ "... for am I in the place of God?"

²⁰ *But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.*" Genesis 50:19b-20

B. Trust in God's presence.

⁹ *"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him*

¹⁰ *and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.*

¹¹ *Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance.*

¹² *But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.*

¹³ *And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh.*

¹⁴ *Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people."*

Acts 7:9-14

IV. OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

²¹ *"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* Romans 12:21

A. Help others with your resources.

²¹ *"Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones."* Genesis 50:21a

B. Help others with your words.

²¹ *"...And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.:"* Genesis 50:21b

BUT GOD Changes Everything We Are Evil, BUT GOD Redeems Pastor Steve Reynolds

Introduction:

A. Two powerful words can change everything. BUT GOD.

But God moments occur when life takes a particular course, but God intervenes and presents a fresh path and a glimmer of hope for our lives!

²⁶ *"But Jesus looked at them and said to them, 'With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"*

Matthew 19:26

B. Attend the But God Teaching Series and discover how to transform your "But I..." limitations into "But God!" breakthroughs with every challenge you encounter!

April 20 Jesus Was Dead, BUT GOD Resurrects

TODAY We Are Evil, BUT GOD Redeems

May 4 We Are Tempted, BUT GOD Overcomes

May 11 We Are Dysfunctional, BUT GOD Functions

May 18 We Are Weak, BUT GOD Strengthens

May 25 We Are Sinners, BUT GOD Saves

C. TEXT: Genesis 50:15-21

Key Verse:

²⁰ *"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."* Genesis 50:20

BE CHANGED BY BUT GOD REDEEMS

HOW BUT GOD REDEEMS CAN CHANGE YOU

I. YOU WILL EXPERIENCE EVIL IN THIS BROKEN WORLD

A. Jesus warned us about evil and also encouraged us.

³³ *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”*

John 16:33

²² *“For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”*

Romans 8:22

B. It is not a sin to ask why.

³⁴ *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?’ which is translated, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’”*

Mark 15:34

C. Joseph experienced the evil of his own brothers putting him into a pit and selling him into slavery.

²³ *“So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him.*

²⁴ *Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.”*

Genesis 37:23-24

²⁵ *And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry them down to Egypt.*

²⁶ *So Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?”*

²⁷ *Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh.” and his brothers listened.*

²⁸ *Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.”*

Genesis 37:25-28

II. FORGIVE THOSE WHO PERFORM EVIL AGAINST YOU

A. Unforgiveness will trouble you.

¹⁵ *“When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, ‘Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him.’*

¹⁶ *So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, “Before your father died he commanded, saying,*

¹⁷ *‘Thus, you shall say to Joseph: ‘I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.’ ‘Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.’ And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.*

¹⁸ *Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, “Behold, we are your servants.”*

Genesis 50:15-18

¹⁵ *“looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”* Hebrews 12:15

²⁶ *“‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,*

²⁷ *nor give place to the devil.”* Ephesians 4:26-27

B. Forgiveness will set you free.

¹⁹ *“Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid...”*

Genesis 50:19a

³⁰ *“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

³¹ *Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.*

³² *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”*

Ephesians 4::30-32