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Lesson 1: Jesus & Noah

Lesson 2: Jesus & Abraham

## Jesus and Joseph Genesis 50:15-20

*For most of us, one of the hardest parts of receiving forgiveness from others is forgiving ourselves. We will never really live in the freedom of God's forgiveness unless we also learn to \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 1. What is harder for you: forgiving others when they have wronged you or truly receiving forgiveness from others whom you have harmed with your own bad behavior? What does it look like in someone when he/she has not truly accepted God's forgiveness and therefore has not forgiven himself/herself?**

*Given our theology, Christ followers should be among the world's leading experts on \_\_\_\_\_. Sadly, for most of us that is simply not the case. But there is still time to learn!*

**Discussion 2. What are some ways you think we often misunderstand what forgiveness is all about?**

*Forgiveness is not so much something we offer for the benefit of others as much as for our own benefit. When we forgive, we free ourselves from the prison of our own pain. We hold the key. The key is \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 3. Sometimes, the longer we wait to forgive, the harder it becomes. Why do you suppose that is the case? If forgiveness is something I do for my own benefit, why do we put it off?**

*God's sovereignty means that every painful aspect of this broken world can be turned by Him and used for \_\_\_\_\_ and for our good, when we are living our lives in love for Him.*

**Discussion 4. Describe a painful season or circumstance in your life which God used to grow you and make you better in some way. Do you believe you could have (or would have) grown in that way without those circumstances? Why or why not?**