

# **Genesis 50**

May 20, 2018 – Rev. Rick Lyon

## **Similarities between Jesus and Joseph:**

- **Both had miraculous births.**
- **Joseph was a shepherd. Jesus is the Great Shepherd.**
- **Both were taken to Egypt when they were young.**
- **Both were rejected by their people.**
- **Both were stripped of their special robes.**
- **Both were sold for the price of a slave in silver.**
- **Both resisted temptation.**
- **Both were falsely accused of wrongdoing.**
- **Both suffered for another's sin.**
- **Both promised deliverance to a condemned man.**
- **Both began their ministries at the age of 30.**
- **Both weren't recognized by their brothers the first time.**
- **Both forgave those who wronged them.**
- **Both saved people from many countries.**
- **First reports that they were alive weren't believed.**
- **Both were exalted after their suffering.**
- **Every knee bowed to Joseph. One day every knee will bow to Jesus.**

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## **1. Let God be God.**

*"There is a God. But it's not me."*

Someone wrote: *A Morning Letter From God.*

*Good Morning,*

*This is God. I'll be handling all of your problems, today. Please remember that I don't need your help. If the devil delivers a situation to you that you can't handle, put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) box. It'll be addressed in My time, not yours. Once*

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*the matter is placed in the box, don't hold onto it or remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problems. If it's a situation you think you're capable of handling, please consult Me in prayer to be sure it's the proper resolution. Because I don't sleep or slumber, there's no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest, My child. If you need to contact Me, I'm only a prayer away.*

Matt Slick: *Have you tried to be the God of your own life? Have you tried to inform God how things should be done? Have you spent your prayer times expressing self-centered desires and wants? I have. But, I've also sought the will of God and asked the Lord to work His will in my life -- in spite of me. It's comforting to know that God is in control and that I'm not. It's comforting to know that God loves me more than I can imagine. It's comforting to know that God can see the future and has it all mapped out for me. It's comforting to know that I'm trusting in an infinitely good and holy God who will provide for me, no matter what. If you understand that there's a God and you're not Him, then you can relinquish your rights, hopes, desires, and wants and submit them to His will and trust Him in all things.*

**Romans 14:10** - Why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**Romans 12** - Beloved, don't avenge yourselves... Don't be overcome by evil.

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## **2. Trust that God works all things together for good.**

**Romans 8:28** - All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

Paul: "The things that happened to me have turned out for the furtherance of the gospel." (**Phil. 1:12**)

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**“My wheelchair was the key to seeing all this happen especially since God’s power always shows up best in weakness. So here I sit ... glad that I haven't been healed on the outside, but glad that I have been healed on the inside. Healed from my own self-centered wants and wishes.”**

Paul: "For me to live is Christ and to die is *gain*." (Phil.1:21)

Someone said: *"It'll be alright in the end. And if it's not alright. It's not the end."*

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### **3. Overcome evil with good.**

**Romans 12** - Bless those who persecute you... Repay no one evil for evil... Don't avenge yourselves, leave it to the righteous anger of God... If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he's thirsty, give him a drink... Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Article on Kathy Lee Gifford: It’s **seemingly become a trend in recent years for celebs to use their public platforms to project their faith and values. But Kathie Lee Gifford was doing it LONG before it was popular. And forgiveness under the most difficult of circumstances appears to be her forte.**

**She shared recently on the Today Show: “Howard Stern had a feud with me going on 30 years. I never met him. I never listened to his show. He hated my guts for 30 years... Hated my husband, hated my children. Hated everything I stood for.”**

**“One day, right here, I was in the makeup room, and all of a sudden he’s here to announce ‘America’s Got Talent.’ I felt the Lord saying very clearly to me, ‘Go down and say hello to Howard.’ I was standing right here ... I said, ‘Howard, I’m Kathie Lee. I thought it was time I said hello. I want to wish you the very best with your show.’ And I left.”**

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Later Stern called Kathie Lee. *“He called during dinner, we had a half-hour conversation. He said, ‘Will you forgive me, Kathie? I’m doing some hard work on my life. I know I hurt you. I’m so sorry and I need to ask you to forgive me.’”*

After 30 years of cruel comments slung at her by Stern (including him calling her “the world’s dumbest person”), Gifford congratulated him for taking the time to work on himself.

*And the most amazing part?* She said she forgave him “30 years ago.” *...and that’s not all...* Gifford said she prays for him “every single day.”

We're called to love our enemies the same way we love our friends — that's the love that softens hearts and saves souls.