

Genesis 42:24; 50:20

He turned away from them and wept. But when he returned to them and spoke to them, he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

²⁰ 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.

Focal Truth:

God provided for Joseph in his painful family separation.

Observations:

- 1. Joseph accepted his painful family separation as the will of God. Gen. 41:51-52
- 2. God provided Joseph with an unexpected family reunion with his brothers and father. Gen. 42:7-8; 46:29-30
- 3. Joseph tells his brothers how God allowed their painful family separation for his purposes. Gen. 50:20

Things to Remember and Do:

- 1. Painful family separations produce life-long family consequences and emotional wounds.
- 2. Painful family separations separate families lives!
- 3. Nothing is more joyful than God putting families back together!
- 4. God brings good out of painful family separation for those who love Him!
- 5. Trust the Lord when you experience family separation He will help you!

