

SERIES TITLE: UNSTUCK

PART 6: FROM RELATIONAL DEBT

TEXT: GENESIS 50:15-21

INTRODUCTION.

This series focuses on life situations in which we commonly find ourselves stuck. Anger, Worry, Jealousy, and Guilt are emotions and reactions that challenge most of us. We will discover what the Bible says about these things, and how Jesus sets us free.

DISCUSSION.

Which memory is harder to shake and why?

- Hurt over how you were wronged by someone else?
- Guilt over how you wronged someone else?

Examination.

50:1-14 What do all these funeral details tell us about Jacob's status?

About Joseph?

About the importance of being buried in Canaan?

50:15-21 After Jacob dies, what does the reaction of Joseph's brothers indicate?

Why do you think Joseph wept? v.17

Think of all the wrongs that Joseph has experienced in his life and list them.

How was Joseph able to respond with such graciousness and kindness? Vv.19-21

50:22-26 How is Joseph's last request tied to God's promises?

Application.

- What do you do to demonstrate your trust in the promises of God?

- Can you give an example of how you have practiced relational debt consolidation rather than cancellation? That means, times you have kept track of all wrongs done to you and expected an apology or restitution.
- Can you share an example of a time when you have cancelled a relational debt, or have received forgiveness from someone else?
- Evaluate this phrase: "That was wrong, but God is good." How could it apply in your life?
- What do passages such as Matthew 6:14-15, Luke 23:34, and Ephesians 4:32 tell us about the importance of forgiving relational debts?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?