

**Haters Gonna Hate September 23, 2018**

**Week 3 "It Hurt Me But It Helped Me"**

**Genesis 45:1-4** 1 Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, "Out, all of you!" So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was. 2 Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh's palace. 3 "I am Joseph!" he said to his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. 4 "Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt.

**Genesis 45:5** 5 But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.

**\*Joseph believed that God's plans for his life took priority over the hurt in his life.**

## **2 TAKEAWAYS FROM THIS STORY:**

**1. When someone hurts us we have 2 choices. We can either let it \_\_\_\_\_ us or \_\_\_\_\_ us. (decision)**

**\*He didn't view it as betrayal, he viewed it as a blessing.**

**John 5:2-7** 2 Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. 3 Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. 5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" 7 "I can't, sir,"

**2. God's plans for our lives are \_\_\_\_\_ than our \_\_\_\_\_ or the things people do to hurt us. (mindset)**

**\*God doesn't just use us in spite of our hurt He uses us in our hurt and He uses our hurt.**

**What past hurts are keeping you from your dreams and your purpose?**

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