

Dear God,
Thank you for the food before us,
And for working behind the scenes through the hands of all those prepared it.
Teach us to see your hand in every part of every day.
Amen



"The ministry of reconciliation is not telling people to make peace with God, but telling them that God has made peace with the world."

-Kent Hughes



"7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance"

Genesis 45:7



Like a defibrillator God's grace shocks us, not to hurt us but to restart our broken hearts.



- 1. Share your highs and lows.
- 2. Joseph had the perfect chance for payback. What do you think stopped him from taking revenge?
- Think of a time when someone hurt your feelings or was unfair to you. How did holding onto those hurt feelings affect you?
- 4. Joseph chose to focus on how God used his painful experience for good. Can you think of a difficult time that God used to help us grow or help others?
- 5. Joseph says "God sent me here to save lives." How might seeing God's bigger plan change how we handle being hurt?
- 6. What's one small step you could take this week to show forgiveness or kindness to someone who has hurt you?

# 2 let's **READ** +

Sunday – **Genesis 45:7** Monday – **2 Corinthians 5:19** Tuesday – **Romans 5:11** 

Wednesday - Phillipians 2:13

Thursday – Ephesians 1:11

Friday - Proverbs 16:9

Saturday - Psalm 33:10-11



A – What is this text ABOUT?B – What is the BEST thing about this text?

C - What is the most

### CONFUSING or CHALLENGING

part of this text?

D – What does God want you to **DO**?



#### **PRAISE GOD**

for His faithfulness and constant presence.

#### **THANK JESUS**

for everything he has done so what we can be reconciled to God

#### **ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT**

to help you trust God's bigger purposes in our lives.



## (5) let's **BLESS**

Bless each other with the sign of the cross as you say the following:

Name, May you rest in God's complete forgiveness and be strengthened to extend that same grace to others.