

CrossWalk **notes**

Jump!

Being Mindful of the Pain of Others

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¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16, NIV**

My relationship with God is built on _____.

Jesus shows me that God is _____ of my trust.

¹ Joseph threw himself on his father and **wept over him and kissed him.** ² Then Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his father Israel. So the physicians embalmed him, ³ taking a full forty days, for that was the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

⁴ When the days of mourning had passed, Joseph said to Pharaoh's court, "If I have found favor in your eyes, speak to Pharaoh for me. Tell him, ⁵ 'My father **made me swear an oath and said**, "I am about to die; bury me in the tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan." Now let me go up and bury my father; then I will return.'" ⁶ Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear to do." **Genesis 50:1-6, NIV**

We experience deep _____ in relationship and a sense of _____ as relationships end.

⁷ So Joseph went up to bury his father. All Pharaoh's officials accompanied him—the dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of Egypt— ⁸ besides all the **members of Joseph's household and his brothers** and those belonging to his father's household. Only their children and their flocks and herds were left in Goshen. ⁹ Chariots and horsemen also went up with him. It was a very large company. **Genesis 50:7-9, NIV**

At times of loss relationships help us to mourn and find _____ and _____.

¹² So Jacob's sons did as he had commanded them: ¹³ They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field as a burial place from

Ephron the Hittite. ¹⁴ After burying his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, together with his brothers and all the others who had gone with him to bury his father.

Genesis 50:12-14, NIV

Many families have an individual who _____ the family.

What do we do when they are gone?

⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. **Genesis 50:15-17, NIV**

Joseph felt the _____ of brothers who didn't trust his generosity or sincerity. Their issue was not only a lack of trust in _____, but a lack of trust in _____.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be **afraid. Am I in the place of God?** ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. **Genesis 50:18-21, NIV**

Joseph: **L** _____, **E** _____, **A** _____, and **D** _____

his brothers back to God and his promises.

He _____ on trust-based relationships.

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²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. **Genesis 50:21, NIV**

My next step: I will understand that others bring the pain of the past into present relationships. I will reassure them, speak kindly to them and guide them to Jesus and his promises.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.