**Genesis 50:15** 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?”

# The Power of letting go:

# Proverbs 12:16Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult.

1. **Proverbs 19:11** A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.
2. **Luke 22:49** When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” 50And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.51But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.
3. **Luke 23:34** Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.
4. **Acts 7:59** While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.
5. **THOSE YOU LET GO MAY NOT CHANGE**
   1. **Genesis 50:16**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.
6. **THOSE YOU LET GO MAY NOT KNOW GOD’S PLAN**
   1. **Genesis 50:18**His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said. 19But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.
7. **THOSE YOU LET GO MAY NEED REASSURANCE**
   1. **Genesis 50:21** So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.