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for harm...

The power of
God's perspective

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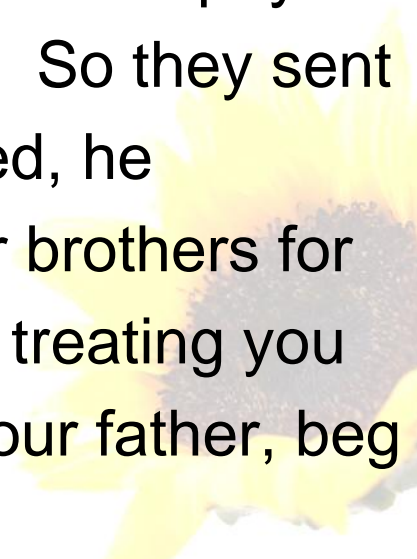
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- Bitter or Better
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- Over and over again



Opportunity arises yet again

“After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father’s burial. But now that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers became fearful. “Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him,” they said. So they sent this message to Joseph: “Before your father died, he instructed us to say to you: ‘Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.’ So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin.”



Opportunity arises yet again

“When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said. But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you?...””



Opportunity arises yet again

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.”

- *Genesis 50:14-21*



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- The potential is there



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- The potential is there
- It will continue to be there



What was intended for harm...

- The potential is there
- It will continue to be there
- Oh, what joy can be ours...



The face of the flower

- Sunflowers turn their heads throughout the day to bask in the light of the sun



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- What is intended for harm, God will use for good
 - if we let Him



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