

# Sermon Notes

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## Forgiveness & Reconciliation a re-beginning for relationships

Genesis 50:1-26

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 618-6790

50:1-14 The sons (brothers) mourn and bury their Jacob

50:15-21 The father wanted the brothers to reconcile

Lasting effects of sin against one another  
– guilt, bitterness, discord

What keeps us from seeking reconciliation?

Denial

Fear of rejection

**Sin needs to be confessed**

To God (1 John 1:9)

To fellow-believers (James 5:16)(look into a PACE group)

To the person we've wronged (Matthew 5:23-24)

**Forgiveness needs to be asked for**

Anyone who you have wronged, whose forgiveness you need to seek?

**What would bring us to forgive people who have wronged us?**

A. A repentant apology by the one who has wronged us

Need to release bitterness, apology or not

Need to be prepared to forgive

B. We need to see ourselves rightly in relation to God

Revenge is not ours to take (Romans 12:19)

Bitterness is not appropriate (Ephesians 4:31-32)

D. Knowing that God is working for good in our lives,  
even when people act wickedly against us

Suggested memorization: **Genesis 50:20a**

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D. Understanding how much Christ has forgiven us

Suggested reading: **Matthew 18:21-25**

50:22-26 The prepares for the end of his life

**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**