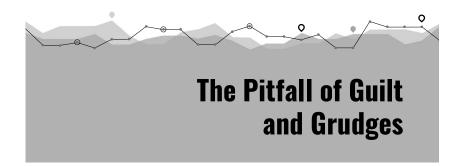
Family Discussion



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?" ... But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.



Discuss

- Consider the following situations:
 - You broke a window playing ball, but the owner said, "That's OK"
 - You said something mean to a family member, then apologized.
 - A person to whom you owed money released you from repayment.
 - After a car accident, the other driver assumed the blame and paid repairs.
- Think of an occurrence in your own life like one of these and talk about how it feels to apologize and ask for forgiveness.
- Now discuss how it feels when someone ask you to forgive them.
- Offer your opinions as to which is harder to do, to ask or to give forgiveness.



Pray

- Thank God for the forgiveness of sins. When you place your trust in Jesus, He declares you "not guilty."
- Ask God for help to make things right with someone or something about which you feel guilty.
- Ask Him to help you to be forgiving to someone who has wronged you.
- Pray that as a family, you might be quick to make peace with one another.

