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But the LORD was **with** Joseph and showed him **steadfast love**; he gave him **favor** in the sight of the **chief jailer**. **Genesis 39:21 (NRSV)**

Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." **Genesis 41:16 (NRSV)**

³³ Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. ³⁵ Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. ³⁶ That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine." **Genesis 41:33-36 (NRSV)**

³⁸ Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find anyone else like this—one in whom is the spirit of God?" ³⁹ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you." ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." ⁴² Removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³ He had him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command; and they cried out in front of him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. **Genesis 41:38-43 (NRSV)**

⁵ Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan. ⁶ Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷ When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them...." **Genesis 42:5-7 (NRSV)**

The Family Echo

Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright. **Genesis 25:34 (NRSV)**

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." **Genesis 27:41 (NRSV)**

Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your ancestors and to your kindred, and I will be with you." **Genesis 31:3 (NRSV)**

"We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." ⁷ Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; **Genesis 32:6b-7 (NRSV)**

² He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. ³ He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. ⁴ But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. ⁵ When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." ⁶ Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; ⁷ Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. **Genesis 33:1-7 (NRSV)**

Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good... **Genesis 50:20 (NRSV)**

_____ don't merely speak louder than words,
Sometimes they echo into the _____ generation.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Read Joseph's story in Genesis 37-50
- Realize how important my choices are and that whether good or bad they will echo into future generations.
- Commit to live my life for God serving as an example of what it means to be fully surrendered to God and his plans.
- Receive the work of reconciliation that Christ did on my behalf by receiving him as my Savior and Lord.