

Pain in the Wilderness

Growing Off the Grid / Week 4

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God does not waste our pain in the wilderness.

Genesis 37:12–27

1. _____ Reveals What
Has Wounded Us.

Unhealed wounds can become weapons.

2. _____ Reframes What
Has Happened to Us.

Genesis 50:15–20

Forgiveness does not require us to pretend the wound was not real.

Faith often means trusting God's character when we cannot trace God's hand.



3. _____ Redeems What
Was Meant Against Us.

Providence means that God is actively working in and through the events of history to accomplish His purposes.

Romans 8:28

Questions for Further Study

1. What does Joseph's story teach us about the difference between pain that is caused by our own choices and pain that is caused by someone else's sin?

2. Pastor Nate said the phrase "unhealed wounds can become weapons." What does this reveal about the danger of bitterness?

3. What does Joseph's robe represent in Genesis 37, and why was stripping it from him such a meaningful act?

4. What is the difference between saying "God used it for good" and saying "what happened was good"?

5. Look up Romans 12:17–21. How does Paul's teaching about revenge connect with Joseph's words, "Am I in the place of God?"