

The Rest of the Story
Genesis 50:15-21

Paul Harvey is known especially for his radio program, “The Rest of the Story.” His stories made a point: Until you hear the rest of the story, you can’t truly _____ the part of the story you are living _____. Joseph learned this somewhere along the way, and for him it made all the difference.

Gen. 50:15-21 tells of a time just after his father died. His brothers feared Joseph and devised a strategy to keep Joseph from _____. Joseph had no plans for revenge. It was to honor his _____, not his _____ one, that kept him from getting even.

It is hard to know how Joseph knew to _____ of Christ nearly 2000 years before Christ Himself walked on the earth. There are some things we can conclude about why Joseph acted the way he did without the teachings of Jesus to guide Him.

First, Joseph perceived a _____ upon his life from God. He was to be about the _____ of lives. He knew his calling was all about _____ and blessing, not death and _____. This guided him to forgive and not seek retribution. You and I share a _____ calling to Joseph but more so to Jesus. His calling was to seek and to save the lost. Jesus told us, “As the Father has sent me, so ____ I ____.”

Joseph also knew that one day he would give account before _____. Life is often like a fight, a war or sorts. You will survive this war, but the only way you will be able to _____ before the One to whom you will be able to answer is if you lived with as much _____ toward others as possible.

Joseph learned along the way: until you hear the rest of the story, you can’t truly evaluate the part of the story you are living today. Paul said, “In ___ things God works for the _____ of those who love him, who have been _____ according to his purpose.”

So it is with the story that guides and controls our lives. Jesus, God’s Son, was _____. But 3 days later, He _____...and now you know the rest of the story.