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Genesis 50:15-26

I only have one brother, so I can't relate to Joseph and his 11 male siblings. Our house was pretty quiet, and the five-year difference in age meant that we didn't do much together. But when I first started dating my wife, I was thrown into a family of three brothers and three sisters, as well as countless cousins?all living nearby.

My mother-in-law was caregiver to all these young people. She fed them, nurtured them, pushed them to get an education and work, loved them, and made them laugh. She cared for them as if they were her own.

Joseph's brothers feared for their lives. They lay before his feet and offered themselves as slaves. This would have been the very least they deserved for the way they had treated him. However, Joseph was God's servant and aware of God's plan. He said, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:20).

Joseph echoed God's providential care for all His children. "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

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