

Joseph - "You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children."  
**Genesis 50:20-21 (NLT)**

# MARKED

...by Endurance  
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"Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable."  
**Romans 12:17 (NLT)**

Jesus - "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."  
**John 10:10 (NLT)**

"When people's lives please the LORD, even their enemies are at peace with them."  
**Proverbs 16:7 (NLT)**

Jesus - "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."  
**Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)**

• **Do My Part to** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone."  
**Romans 12:18 (NLT)**

"[Jesus] came to His own people, and even they rejected Him."  
**John 1:11 (NLT)**

"...[Love] does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged."  
**1 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)**

"For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you."  
**1 Peter 2:19-20 (NLT)**

• **Let God** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, 'I will take revenge; I will pay them back,' says the LORD. Instead, 'If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.' Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good."  
**Romans 12:19-21 (NLT)**

## I am Marked by Endurance as I...

"The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."  
**Psalms 103:8 (NLT)**

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"Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!"  
**Romans 12:14-16 (NLT)**

### Three ways to bless:

- \_\_\_\_\_ v.14
- \_\_\_\_\_ v.15
- \_\_\_\_\_ v.16

# small group

## Study Guide

*This Home Group Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this study guide on your own; however, we encourage you to find one of our warm and friendly Small Groups by visiting the Strengthen table during the Connect Time at 10:15 or by calling the church office at 298-7087.*

**Life Goal:** To grow at being sympathetic, compassionate and live in harmony with each other.



15 MIN

**PRAYER:** Pray for God to give you the strength to live in harmony with each other, even those that you have a difficult time relating to.

**ICEBREAKER:** As a child, what can you remember about any conflicts arising while on a family trip?



35-40 MIN

**Memory Verse:**

*"For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you."*

**1 Peter 2:9-20 (NLT)**

1. In this week's message, David talked about doing your part to live in peace with everyone. Think of someone that you are having a difficult time building a relationship with. Share with the group what is causing that difficulty. What are some things that you can do to overcome that difficulty?

2. Please read 1 Peter 3: 8-15. What are some ways that you can meet the challenge to live out these verses in your life?

3. How should we live if we want to "love life and see good days"? (vs. 10)
4. In what way are you blessed "even if you should suffer for what is right"? (vs. 14)
5. What role does suffering and endurance play in your life right now? What is the reason for you to have hope in the midst of your suffering (vs.15)



15 MIN

Earlier you were asked to think of someone that you were having a difficult time building a relationship with. Share with the group how that difficulty is affecting your relationship with that person. With God.



10 MIN

Identify how you can empathize and humbly forgive that person that you are having a difficult time building a relationship with. Who would be affected by your example?



15 MIN

Pair up with someone and share ways that you can help create harmony in your family, church and workplace.