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**OGCF Mar. 17, 2024 Pastor Lee Talley**

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What are one or two things you can learn from these two passages? How do you think Joseph was able to forgive his brothers?

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Have there been times in your life that you felt inadequate to serve God; or even to do something you believed was right or good? How has God helped you recognize that He will be there to aide and support you during those times? What Scriptures helped you? List some of those helpful verses.

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