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His great emotion showed that Joseph did not cruelly manipulate his brothers. He was directed by God to make these arrangements, and it hurt him to do it.

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When Joseph heard them confess their sins, he knew it was safe to reveal his identity to them. Had he done it earlier, they would not have been ready for the blessings he had for them; and had he waited longer, the men might have been in total despair.

Warren Wiersbe, With the Word Bible Commentary

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Matthew 5

44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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Jesus says to his loved ones who have grieved him by their evil deeds, “Be not grieved, for I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions and, as a cloud, your sins. Be not angry with yourselves, for I will receive you graciously and love you freely.”

Charles Spurgeon, The Spurgeon Study Bible Notes

Matthew 18

32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

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They had done wrong and were guilty; yet he told them not to dwell on their sins but on what God had done for all of them. God overruled the brothers' hateful attitude and cruel actions and worked it all out for good.

Warren Wiersbe, "Be" Commentary Series

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Joseph's perception of God's ways made him gracious, forgiving, and accepting rather than bitter and vindictive. He saw the love of his God behind the cruelty of his brothers. He had accepted all that had come to him as the will of God, and therefore he experienced the blessing of God.

Thomas Constable, Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible

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Luke 17

3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

Joseph was affectionate and loving to all his brothers. Joseph did not exclude those who had been especially cruel to him. His heart was open to his brothers, both as a group and as individuals.

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