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# Teaching Outline

Series: Experiencing Greatness  
Week Six

How many of us are trying to run the race of life like we are \_\_\_\_\_, but we're \_\_\_\_\_.

**Gen 50:14-21 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup> After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father's burial. <sup>15</sup> But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became fearful. "Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him," they said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent this message to Joseph: "Before your father died, he instructed us <sup>17</sup> to say to you: 'Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.' So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin." When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. "Look, we are your slaves!" they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children." So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

Forgiveness means that I am eager to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Will I hold onto my \_\_\_\_\_ or choose reconciliation?

A key to forgiving is being \_\_\_\_\_ about the wrongs done.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness is reconciliation.

\_\_\_\_\_ was required before the \_\_\_\_\_ could come down.

God makes forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_!!

**Prayer:**

**"Lord, we really do want to live a life of greatness! We can see how important it is to be forgiving. But we also know how hard it can be. Heavenly Father, again today we ask for Your help. Please empower us to get rid of everything that slows us down or would disqualify us from eternity with You. We want to finish strong! Amen!"**