

**Kailua Christian Church**  
**Sunday Message Series**  
**January 2- February 6, 2022**  
**New Beginnings**  
**Clarify, Confidence and Compassion**  
**Luke 4:1-21**  
**Sunday January 30, 2022**

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**“Easing What Pains Them”**  
**Genesis 45:4-7**

“Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come [a]closer to me.” And they came closer. And he said, “I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold to Egypt. 5 Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me ahead of you to save lives. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 So God sent me ahead of you to ensure for you a remnant on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

**Genesis 50:15-21**

“When Joseph’s brothers had seen that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!” 16 So they sent instructions to Joseph, saying, “Your father commanded us before he died, saying, 17 ‘This is what you shall say to Joseph: “Please forgive, I beg you, the offense of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong.”’ And now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father.” And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” 19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not

be afraid, for am I in God's place? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to keep many people alive. 21 So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So, he comforted them and spoke kindly to them."

**We find God's help to ease what pains others and ourselves by...**

### **I. Meeting our mutual hurt with mercy.**

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- ***Who is someone you could ask God for help in giving mercy?***

### **II. Exchanging our grief for God's greater good.**

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- ***What do you think helped Joseph exchange his grief for God's greater good?***

### **III. Letting kindness conquer contempt.**

*"So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So, he comforted them and spoke kindly to them." Genesis 50:21*

- ***Will you welcome God's healing forgiveness in order to conquer your contempt for someone in your life?***