

Pastor to People

Holy scriptures readings for September 13th, 2026 [Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost]



Genesis 50: 15-21

[Genesis 50: 15-21 ESV - God's Good Purposes - When - Bible Gateway](#)

Jospeh forgives his brothers for the wrong they done to him. Jospeh should not have had to do this; he had already shown that he had forgiven them by the love and blessings he bestowed by god's hand to them. Yet the brothers still feared, for they were jaded by an earthly way of thinking, they thought he was only acting nicely for the sake of their father; in truth he acting as a person who set his mind on the things of above, from Heaven, thus the phrase "Am I in the place of God?"

Romans 14: 1-12

[Romans 14: 1-12 ESV - Do Not Pass Judgment on One Another - Bible Gateway](#)

There are two ways to judge a person, one is on their moral conduct, the other is judging their faith. To judge a person's conduct is good meet right and salutary because you are holding them to the standard of God's Law which you yourself should be holding yourself to. The other is what St. Paul is speaking against, judging the faith of another, we cannot determine the faith of another, that is between them and God. A person may be coming from a faith or denomination where they were very Law heavy on things that scripture is not Law heavy on and thus have sensitivity too. St. Paul calls us to respect these things and not to act in a way that may cause harm to their faith.

Matthew 18: 21-35

[Matthew 18: 21-35 ESV - The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant - Bible Gateway](#)

You are to always forgive your neighbor, this is a very difficult thing to do practically, for people hurt us in very grave ways. Yet, we are to remember that when we sin, we are deserving of death, and the Lord still forgives, He rescues us from death. This is what the Lord calls us to for our neighbor, when we fail to forgive, we are giving them over to a form of death by adding a guilt that goes beyond what the Lord has given them in His Law. When we fail to forgive we not only take the Lord's forgiveness for granted, but we are saying our justice is above the Lord's justice.

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