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Duet. 31:6

*Bible Study:*

Read Genesis 37. Consider the promise God issued to the descendants of Joshua and his brothers just before they crossed the Jordan river to receive the promised land: For it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. (Duet. 31). We know that Joseph's story will portray this message.

*The gospel in the story:*

Joseph and his siblings are the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of God's chosen family (Abraham's great-grandsons), and like the previous generations, this family does not display a standard of Godliness and Love. Instead, we see selfishness and division. The truth of the gospel is that EVERYONE - all humanity - is in need of a savior because we cannot be righteous in our own abilities. And that message seems to be magnified in the depth of the selfishness and hatred we see in Jacob's family. The good news is that these brothers are the ancestors of Jesus, the Savior who enters the world some 2000 years after this occurrence.

*Application**Heart:* **Memory verse**

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He will not leave you or forsake you. Duet.  
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*Hands:* **How does this affect the way I live?**

We who are in Christ are secure in the knowledge that God will never leave us or forsake us, even when we can't see what He is up to in our lives.

*Home:* **How does this affect my household?**

God desires brotherly love. And those who are in Christ have a new heart so that we can love God and love our brothers (our whole family) well.

*Heaven:* **How does this help us share our faith?**

Recognizing that without Jesus, we would be slaves to our sinful hearts like Joseph's brothers is a constant reminder of the grace we've received from God. Let this message of grace motivate us to be gracious people to our neighbors.