



Multiply: The Fight to Reproduce

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Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 *But* God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:7-8

Why is life given to a man *whose way is hidden*, whom God has hedged in?

Job 3:23

They said to one another, “Surely we are being punished *because* of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; *that’s why* this distress has come upon us.” Reuben replied, “Didn’t I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn’t listen! *Now we must give an accounting* for his blood.”

Genesis 42:21-22

They did not realize that Joseph *could understand them*, since he was using an interpreter. 24 He turned away from them and *began to weep*.

Genesis 42:23-24

Then Joseph *could no longer control himself before all his attendants*, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when *he made himself known* to his brothers.

Genesis 45:1

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “*Come close to me*.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, *do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves* for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

Genesis 45:4-5

For Christ died for sins *once for all*, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a *permanent priesthood*. 25 Therefore he is able to save *completely* those who come to God through him, because he *always lives to intercede* for them.

Hebrews 7:23-25

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “*What if* Joseph

holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" 16 So *they sent word* to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 17 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, *Joseph wept*.

Genesis 50:15-17