

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: Drop the Rock
Message: But Somebody Threw a Rock at Me
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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Revenge is a natural inclination that feels good but causes unintended consequences.

If I choose revenge...

I will miss out on God's healing.

²⁰My child, pay attention to what I say.
Listen carefully to my words.

²¹Don't lose sight of them.

Let them penetrate deep into your heart,
²²for they bring life to those who find them,
and healing to their whole body.

²³Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.

Proverbs 4:20–23 (NLT)

I may short-circuit God's plans.

Don't say, "I will get even for this wrong."
Wait for the Lord to handle the matter.

Proverbs 20:22 (NLT)

¹⁷Don't rejoice when your enemies fall;
don't be happy when they stumble.

¹⁸For the Lord will be displeased with you
and will turn his anger away from them.
Proverbs 24:17–18 (NLT)

I will miss out on being God's partner.

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in such a way that everyone can see you are
honorable. ¹⁸Do all that you can to live in peace
with everyone.

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If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.
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burning coals of shame on their heads."

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Romans 12:17–21 (NLT)

¹⁹But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am
I God, that I can punish you? ²⁰You 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. ²¹No, don't be afraid. I will
continue to take care of you and your children."
So he reassured them by speaking kindly to
them.

Genesis 50:19–21 (NLT)

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TAKE HOME SHEET



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For an inspirational story of forgiveness, read about Joseph in the Old Testament book of Genesis, chapters 37 through 50.

Read the following carefully through several times...

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What happens when evil is responded to with more evil?

What is the benefit of doing all I can to live in peace with everyone around me?

What makes it hard to let God handle making things right and bringing justice?

We read that our kindness instead of vengeance "will heap burning coals of shame" on our adversary's head. Have you ever seen this happen in your life or someone else's?

What is something you can do this week to apply this week's message?

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