Bridging Occurs thru How We <u>R</u>, Act, and by our <u>A</u>.

Genesis 50:18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?

Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

²¹ "So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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Bridging

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Bridging Starts with Caring in A

Bridging is reflecting the purpose, character and ATTITUDE of God to the people around you.

Think of bridging as living on <u>m</u>

Genesis 45:9 "Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry.

¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

Bridging is a <u>L</u>Experience.

Genesis 46:29 Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel (Jacob) his father in Goshen. He presented himself to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

Genesis 46:30 Israel said, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face and know that you are still alive."

Bridging May Involve Big <u>C</u>_____.

Genesis 47:13 Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. Genesis 47:25 "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh."

- Bridging is Sometimes <u>P</u>_____.

Genesis 50:15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."

¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave
this command before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive
the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him.