

**Series: "WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS"**  
**Part 6: "SEEING THE BIG PICTURE"**  
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<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Genesis 50:19-21 (NIV)

**Big Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_ in God's sovereignty gives us \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

**Five Truths to Believe about God's Sovereignty**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives
2. ...for \_\_\_\_\_
3. ...in \_\_\_\_\_
4. ...for those who \_\_\_\_\_
5. ...and are called according to \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup> "What can we say to my lord?" Judah replied. "What can we say? How can we prove our innocence? God has uncovered your servants' guilt.

Genesis 44:16a (NIV)

<sup>32</sup> Your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father. I said, 'If I do not bring him back to you, I will bear the blame before you, my father, all my life!'

<sup>33</sup> "Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers. <sup>34</sup> How can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? No! Do not let me see the misery that would come on my father."

Genesis 44:32-34 (NIV)

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. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> 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! <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

Genesis 45:1-8 (NIV)

**Four Ways to Respond to God's Sovereignty**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>71</sup> It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

Psalm 119:71 (NIV)

2. **Let the knowledge of God's sovereignty increase your** \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> 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 45:5 (NIV)

3. **Let God's sovereignty \_\_\_\_\_ your** \_\_\_\_\_ of others

<sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Genesis 45:7 (NIV)

4. **Realize your trust in God's sovereignty** \_\_\_\_\_