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- Read **Genesis 45:4-8; 50:20**. How did Joseph view his circumstances?
- If your circumstance does not change, how could you see God using them for the advance of the gospel?
- What will you practically do this week to *place Christ before your circumstances*?
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