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WHAT TO DO WHEN LIFE GOES WRONG

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Week One - "Find the Good"

Genesis 37 and 39 and Galatians 6:9-10

1. Do you consider yourself an optimist, a pessimist, or a realist? (Would the people who live with you give the same answer?) Why do you think you are an optimist/pessimist/realist?
2. What are some of the reasons people shy away from optimism? Why isn't everyone an optimist?
3. A quick survey of Joseph's early life shows a whole lot of "life gone wrong." Read Genesis 37 and 39. What surprises you most about Joseph's response to everything that happens? What are some of the good things that happened to Joseph?
4. Ultimately, Joseph believed God had a purpose for everything that happened to him. Years after being sold and imprisoned, he told his brothers, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Genesis 50:20) Have you experienced God using something bad or wrong in your life for good? What makes it easy or difficult to believe that's possible?
5. Eugene Peterson said we should engage in "undramatic counteractions" when faced with the evil in this world. What are some undramatic counteractions you and your family could engage in right now?
6. Read Galatians 6:9-10 - How can this group help you this week so you don't grow weary in doing good?