



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

God Meant It for Good

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Highlighted Scripture

Genesis 50:20

Joseph declares that although others intended harm against him, God was able to use even those painful events for a greater good and a larger redemptive purpose.

Romans 8:28

God works in all things—even suffering and disappointment—for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

Discussion Questions

- **How does Joseph's story help you think differently about hardship or betrayal?**
- **What does it mean that God can bring good out of evil without being the author of evil?**
- **Have you ever looked back and seen God's purpose in a**

painful season?

- **What does Jill mean by becoming a “prisoner of hope,” and how can that shape your perspective?**
- **How can trusting God’s larger purpose help you endure present disappointment?**

Reflection Challenge

Focus on shifting from discouragement to hope in God’s purposes.

Ask yourself:

- **Is there a painful situation in my life I need to place back into God’s hands?**
- **Where might I be focusing more on the wound than on God’s redemptive work?**
- **How can I cultivate hope instead of rehearsing discouragement?**

Try this:

- **Write down one difficult circumstance and ask God how He may be forming something good through it**
- **Meditate this week on God’s faithfulness in Joseph’s story or in your own past**
- **Practice replacing despairing thoughts with hopeful prayers rooted in God’s promises**

Remember

- **God does not waste suffering**
- **Evil may wound, but it does not have the final word**
- **Hope grows when we trust God's larger purposes**
- **God can redeem what others intended for harm**

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You that no pain is beyond Your redemption.

Help me trust that even in hardship You are working for good.

Turn my heart toward hope when discouragement rises.

Give me eyes to see Your purpose, even before I understand it fully.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

