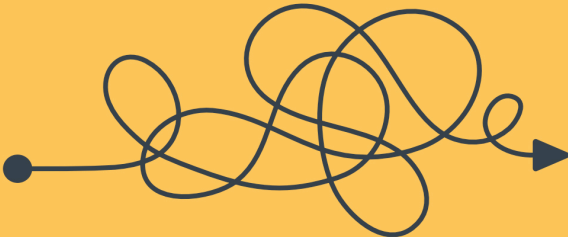



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2 Group

Detours...

A change in our plans God uses to develop us so we can fulfill our purpose in Him, if we let Him.”

3 Group

What would somebody in my circumstances do if they were confident that God was with them?

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⁵⁵When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

⁵⁶So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

Genesis 41:55-57

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Genesis 41:55-57 (ESV)

⁵Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

⁶Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.”

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Genesis 42:5-8 (ESV)

⁸And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

Genesis 42:5-8

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Genesis 42:5-8 (ESV)

What does someone like you do with someone who has hurt you when they are absolutely confident that God is with them?

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¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

Genesis 45:1-3 (ESV)

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

Genesis 45:4-6 (ESV)

⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 45:7-8 (ESV)

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Genesis 45:7-8 (ESV)

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So 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.

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Genesis 50:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.”

Genesis 50:15-18 (ESV)

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Genesis 50:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As 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. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Genesis 50:19-21 (ESV)

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Genesis 50:19-21 (ESV)

Don't Sit in God's Seat.

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^{19.} for am I in the place of God?

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Genesis 50:19-21 (ESV)

Tim Keller – “Putting yourself in the place of God is at the heart of almost all our problems.”

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We sit in God’s seat by...

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We sit in God's seat by...

- Being our own moral authority**

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⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:5 (ESV)

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We sit in God's seat by...

- **Being our own moral authority**
- **When We Let People Look to Us to Meet their Deepest Needs.**

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We sit in God's seat by...

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- **Excessive Worry**

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We sit in God's seat by...

- **Being our own moral authority**
- **When We Let People Look to Us to Meet their Deepest Needs.**
- **Excessive Worry**
- **Grudge Holding**

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¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Romans 12:19 (ESV)

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Romans 12:19 (ESV)

See How God Sees

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²⁰As 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.

Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

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Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

Show God's Heart

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

Genesis 50:21 (ESV)

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Genesis 50:21 (ESV)

²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Genesis 39:21 (ESV)

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Genesis 39:21 (ESV)

³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

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Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)