

Have You Ever Been In A Situation
That Was Bad In The Moment
But Later
Thanked God For It?



STRESS

BILLS

DIVORCE

SICKNESS

ANXIETY

JOB LOSS

DEPRESSION

LONELINESS

DEBT

**FINANCIAL
PRESSURE**

**FAMILY
PROBLEMS**

OVERWHELMED

GRIEF

FEAR

UNEMPLOYMENT

BETRAYAL



Understanding God's Providence

Scripture Reading: Genesis 50:19-20



CHURCH OF CHRIST *at Long Creek*

**You May Not Understand It Now, But
You Will
Later**

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The Pit/Not Seeing The Full Picture



Genesis 37:5 “ Now Joseph **had a dream**, and he told *it* to his brothers; and **they** **hated him even more.**”

Gen 37:9 Then he **dreamed still another dream** and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream.

Gen 37:11 And his brothers **envied him**, but his father kept the matter *in mind*.

God Way Requires Trust He Does Not Reveal It All

Careful In Sharing Your Dreams

Where God may be taking you **might upset** some people and some in your life don't want to see you win/**might get jealous.**

Genesis 37:23 “So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, **that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him.** ²⁴ Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And **the pit** was empty; *there was* no water in it.”

God's Favor Vs Man's Favor



God's Favor In Action



Gen 37:36 Now the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard

Gen 39:20-21 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Tim 1:7

The Right Mindset

Deut 8:10 “When You Have Eaten and Satisfied
Praise the Lord”

Gen 39:21 But the Lord showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

How Do You Respond When The Puzzle Of Your Life Is Scattered

Duet 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them;

What Kind of Spirit Do You Have When Life Get's Tough?



The Completed Puzzle



Gen 41:15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and *there is no one* **that you**

Often Times Our Calling Is

Not Just About Us

But Sometimes It’s People Tied To
Our Purpose

Gen 41:39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have shown you all this, *there is no one* as discerning and wise as you.” ⁴⁰ **You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word;** only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.

**What Do You See As The Puzzle Comes Together?
After's Years, Months, Weeks Days of Stressing**

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God's Providence



**Your Pain
Could Be
For God's
Purpose**

Yes sir, it is. I just wanted to let you know that you made a HUGE and lasting impact on my sweet boy. We lost his older brother 4 years ago to a brain tumor, he would have been 17 years old this year. I wanted to personally thank you from the bottom of my soul for whatever it is that Jackson is clinging to within you. Would it be okay to give him your contact information?

At The End Joseph Understood God's Providence



Gen 50:20 But as for you, **you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good**, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

Things Written Before (OT)

ROM 15:4

Like a puzzle you may not see the full picture right away but when ever piece falls where it needs to you will in the end see the full picture
(God's Providence)

Begin Your Journey With God: Accept His Invitation

**Insert Invitation Here and Show the next
slide after the Invitation**

God's Providence Requires Commitment

Thank you so much for that!
This is this 3rd year at camp
and You're the first person he's
been this way about. So, may
the lord continue to work thru
you and bless you. I appreciate
you so very much.

Read Saturday



Saturday 5:48 PM



That really does mean a lot and
I'm glad that I was able to leave
such a big impact

Delivered

I gave him your contact
information. May the lord bless
and keep this new found
relationship ❤️



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