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‘The reason we struggle with insecurity is because we compare our behind-the-scenes with everyone else’s highlight reel.’ Steven Furtick

“Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” The second son he named Ephraim and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

Genesis 41:51-52

“Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, “Out, all of you!” So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was. Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh’s palace. “I am Joseph!” he said to his brothers. “Is my father still alive?” But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. “Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold

“into slavery in Egypt. But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives... God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt. “Now hurry back to my father and tell him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me master over all the land of Egypt. So come down to me immediately!” Gen 47:1-9

“But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Genesis 50:19-20

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1. Accept the imperfect

“Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.” Job 5:7

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- 1. Accept the imperfect**
- 2. Trust God's good plan**

“God intended it for good” – Genesis 40:50

God is too good to be mistaken,
God is too wise to be unkind,
So when you don't understand,
when you don't see His plan,
When you can't trace His hand, trust His heart.

He sees the master plan,
He holds the future in His hand,
He alone is faithful and true,
He alone knows what is best for you.”

- Trust His Heart – Babbie Mason

*“...with every breath they threaten me with violence. Yet I am **confident** I will see the Lord’s goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.” Psalm 27:12-14*

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- 2. Trust God's good plan**
- 3. Start from today**

“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing...” Joel 2:12-14

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- 2. Trust God's good plan**
- 3. Start from today**
- 4. Let God fill in the gaps**

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Psalm 73:25-26

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- 5. Become a healer**

“Freely you have received; freely give.” Matthew 10:8