

## THE LIFE OF JOSEPH – PART 12

### GOD'S GOOD PROVISION & GOD'S GOOD PURPOSES

Genesis 47:20; Genesis 50:15-21

---

#### Introduction

#### Genesis 50:20

*"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good..."*

Joseph's life reminds us that God is always working, even when we cannot see it.

---

#### I. GOD'S GOOD PROVISION

#### Genesis 47:20

- God was working long before Joseph could see it.
- The pit was preparation, not punishment.
- Joseph never stopped serving.

#### Key Thought

**God prepares us through service before He uses us in significance.**

Notes:

---

---

---

#### II. GOD'S PURPOSES ARE GREATER THAN OUR PAIN

#### Genesis 50:15-18

- The brothers feared judgment after Jacob's death.
- Guilty hearts often struggle to believe grace.
- Fear grows when faith is weak.

#### Key Thought

**Those who do not understand grace often live in unnecessary fear.**

**Notes:**

---

---

---

### **III. GOD'S FORGIVENESS PRODUCES COMPASSION**

#### **Genesis 50:19-21**

*"Fear not: for am I in the place of God?"*

- Joseph refused to take God's place.
- Joseph saw God's hand above man's actions.
- Joseph comforted those who had hurt him.

#### **Key Thought**

**Forgiven people become forgiving people.**

**Notes:**

---

---

---

### **IV. GOD BRINGS GOOD FROM WHAT MEN MEAN FOR EVIL**

#### **Genesis 50:20**

- God never lost control.
- God's purpose was bigger than Joseph.
- Joseph became a picture of Christ.

#### **Key Thought**

**What man intends for destruction, God can transform into deliverance.**

**Notes:**

---

---

---

## V. THE GOSPEL IN JOSEPH'S STORY

### Joseph Shows Us:

- God's Providence
- God's Patience
- God's Forgiveness
- God's Sovereignty
- God's Salvation

### Key Thought

**The story was never ultimately about Joseph. It was always about Jesus.**

### Notes:

---

---

---

### APPLICATION

- Am I trusting God's provision?
  - Am I resting in God's purposes?
  - Am I extending God's forgiveness?
  - Am I submitting to God's sovereignty?
  - Am I looking to Christ?
- 

### Final Truth

**"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good..."**

**Genesis 50:20**

**God's plans are bigger than our problems, His purposes are greater than our pain, and His grace is sufficient for every pit along the way.**