

## Joseph

### *Pt.9 – Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?*

*Gen. 45:5* **And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that **God sent me ahead of you.****  
*6* **For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping.** *7* **But **God sent me ahead of you** to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.** *8* **So then, **it was not you who sent me here, but God.** He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.** *9* **Now hurry back to my father and say to him, “This is what your son Joseph says: **God has made me lord of all Egypt.**”**

*Gen. 50:19* **...Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? *20***You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. *21*So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.**

*Rom. 8:28* **And we know that in **all** things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.**

God is working behind the scenes, orchestrating circumstances on my behalf.

In a sin-filled world, bad things happen to good and bad people.

When bad things happen to bad people, they suffer without hope.

God turns bad things that happen to me into something good for me and others.

My pain is a key to my assignment from God.

When my pain becomes an avenue for other people's healing, it lessens my pain and allows me to see things from a different perspective.