

**Faith When Life is Hard and Unfair**  
**Vintage Faith Message Series Week 5**  
**Genesis Chapters 37-50**  
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**How to live by faith when life is hard and unfair:**

- 1. Trust that God is working His plan.** (Genesis 45:1-8; Psalm 33:10-11; Job 42:2; Isaiah 14:24, 27)
- 2. Forgive and extend grace.** (Genesis 45:9-15; Ephesians 4:32)
- 3. Trust that God can take what others intend for harm and use it for our good.** (Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 8:28-29)

As 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

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:28-29, ESV