

Week of 02-26-2023

Series: The Story, Ch. 2, Pt. 5

Sermon: God Meant It for Good

Text: Genesis 37, 39-50

### **Sermon Outline:**

Biblical Truth: God is able to use evil to bring about good.

Joseph's brothers intended to:

1. Steal his identity. (37:3-4)
2. Sever his relationships. (37:12-18)
3. Put an end to his calling. (37:19-20)

God intended that Joseph:

1. Walk with God. (39-41)
2. Restore relationships. (42-48)
3. Save lives. (49-50)

### **Discussion Questions:**

Optional Reading: Genesis 37; Genesis 45:4-8; 50:15-21; John 10:10; Romans 8:28-29; Acts 4:27-28.

1. Do you have a personal devotional plan you are using to spend time with God each day? If applicable, share what your time in the Word and prayer looks like? If you don't have something you are using, discuss certain plans that might be helpful, such as [thestory2023.com](http://thestory2023.com) devotional schedule/questions for Exodus starting this week.
2. What Joseph's brothers meant for evil, God meant for good. They attempted to steal his identity, kill their relationships with him, and destroy his calling... by selling him into slavery. Can you relate to chapter 37? Have you ever experienced this kind of evil (or varying degrees of) directed at you by the world, the flesh, or the devil? If so, and you feel comfortable sharing, explain.
3. What Joseph's brothers meant for evil, God meant for good. God meant that chapter 37 would lead to the good that unfolds in chapters 39-50. In the examples shared above, or in other situations, share how God has used evil to bring about good in your life. It's ok if you don't see the good yet. And if that is the case, how do you think God may use this difficult situation to bless you and those around you?
4. Practically speaking, how can God's sovereignty over evil give much peace, joy, hope, and purpose even when going through the worst of situations?