

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

Share a time when life fell apart but God brought about good from that tragedy that you didn't expect.

SERMON REVIEW

This week we saw that no matter what sin was done to us or done by us, as Christians, we don't lose hope. God specializes in turning around hopeless situations for our good and his glory

After learning about Joseph's teenage years, what part of his lifestyle is easiest for you to recognize in yourself when you were a teenager?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

Joseph's words landed him in a pile of trouble. He used them to tear his brothers down, instead of building them up. He was dishonest and manipulative. When it came to his dreams, he lacked the discernment to keep them to himself.

How do these verses help us avoid the pitfall of misusing our words? Which verse is most important for you to remember?

> *Read Proverbs 10:19; 12:18; 12:25; 15:1; 16:24; 17:27*

In Genesis 37, we saw God was intricately involved in the events of Joseph's life. Read these verses. Over what areas of life do they tell us God has control? How does that provide encouragement when you feel life is out of control?



> *Psalm 104:14; Job 12:23; Psalm 75:6-7; Proverbs 16:33; Psalm 139:16.*

While nothing is outside of God's control, the Bible says God operates the world in such a way that we still make real choices. We are responsible for those choices. Look up these verses to see the real sinful choices made by Joseph's brothers—over which they bore responsibility. At the same time, look up Genesis 45:5; 50:20 to see how God's sovereignty even over sin turned those evil choices into something.

- Joseph's brothers made the real sinful choices of attempted murder and selling him into slavery — Genesis 37:20, 28.
- Joseph recognized it was ultimately God that sent him to Egypt, not his brothers — Genesis 45:5, 50:20

How does knowing God has absolute sovereignty, but we are still personally responsible for our choices, change the way we study for a test in high school? How does it change the way we compete in sports and the win or loss after the game? How does it change the way someone battles cancer? How does it change the way we sleep at night when we are filled with anxiety about the future?

TAKE IT HOME

How does the incredible amount of good God did through the incredible injustice done to Jesus give us hope after we sin or were sinned against?

Looking back on this week's study, what is the most important thing to remember? What is the most important action to take?