

HOW GOD GETS US TO WHERE HE WANTS US TO BE

SERIES: But God...

GENESIS 45:8 GNV

8 So it was not really you who sent me here, but God. He has made me the king's highest official. I am in charge of his whole country; I am the ruler of all Egypt.

GENESIS 50:20 GNV

20 You plotted evil against me, but God turned it into good, in order to preserve the lives of many people who are alive today because of what happened.

God is the creator of events. (Gen. 1:1 GNV)

God is the controller of events. (Gen. 50:20 GNV)

Genesis 37:2 GNV - and this is the story of Jacob's family. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, took care of the sheep and goats with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's concubines. He brought bad reports to his father about what his brothers were doing.

Dreams of Joseph

Sleeves – Responsibility (Gen. 37:3 GNV)

Sheaves – Resources (Gen. 37:5-8 GNV)

Stars – Rule (Gen. 37:9 GNV)

Genesis 37:3-9 GNV - **3** Jacob loved Joseph more than all his other sons, because he had been born to him when he was old. He made a long robe with full sleeves for him. **4** When his brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than he loved them, they hated their brother so much that they would not speak to him in a friendly manner. **5** One time Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him even more. **6** He said, "Listen to the dream I had. **7** We were all in the field tying up sheaves of wheat, when my sheaf got up and stood up straight. Yours formed a circle around mine and bowed down to it." **8** "Do you think you are going to be a king and rule over us?" his brothers asked. So they hated him even more because of his dreams and because of what he said about them. **9** Then Joseph had another dream and told his brothers, "I had another dream, in which I saw the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowing down to me."

Genesis 41:46 GNV – Joseph was thirty years old when he began to serve the king of Egypt. He left the king's court and traveled all over the land.

(Gen 45:8; 50:20)

Human freedom – sold me

Divine sovereignty – sent me

The phrase “but God” is there to remind us that “there is an unseen hand and an unknown purpose behind everything that happens.”

I. EXPECT VITAMINS IN THE SPINACH OF FAILURE.

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II. EXPECT VITAMINS IN THE SPINACH OF FAMINE.

III. EXPECT VITAMINS IN THE SPINACH OF FOES.

(Gen 50:20)