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“WHAT IF GOD IS GOOD.... EVEN WHEN LIFE ISN’T?”

“What if?: Questions Worth Asking” - Part 4

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Genesis 37:3-4 ³ Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe.

⁴ But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn’t say a kind word to him. (NLT)

Genesis 37:23-25 ²³ So when Joseph arrived, his brothers ripped off the beautiful robe he was wearing.

²⁴ Then they grabbed him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then, just as they were sitting down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of camels in the distance coming toward them. It was a group of Ishmaelite traders taking a load of gum, balm, and aromatic resin from Gilead down to Egypt. (NLT)



Genesis 39:2 The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. (NLT)

Genesis 39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison. (NLT)

Genesis 42:6 Since Joseph was governor of all Egypt and in charge of selling grain to all the people, it was to him that his brothers came. When they arrived, they bowed before him with their faces to the ground. (NLT)

Genesis 50:15-21 ¹⁵ But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became fearful. "Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him," they said.

¹⁶ So they sent this message to Joseph: "Before your father died, he instructed us

¹⁷ to say to you: 'Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.' So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin." When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept.



¹⁸ Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you?”

²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

²¹ No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them, (NLT)

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Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (NLT)