



# JOSEPH FROM THE PIT TO THE PINNACLE



How we look at things and  
the perspective we have in  
life, makes a great  
difference in the way we  
handle the events of life.

# Two Perspectives on Life

1. We can have a perspective that God is in control and ultimately working all things after the counsel of His own will
2. Or, we can leave God out of the picture and attempt to make sense of the circumstances of life purely from a humanistic perspective




# God's Gracious Glasses for Us

Genesis 50

# What Happens When You Leave God Out of the Picture

1. It manifests in pessimism
2. It manifests in selfishness
3. It manifests in bitterness
4. It manifests in fatalism
5. It manifests in worldliness
6. It manifests in fear



**Leaving God out of the  
picture brings ruin and  
heartache to life.**



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Genesis 50

**#1 PUT ON GOD'S GLASSES WITH REGARDS  
TO THE GRAVES SORROW (50:1-14)**

**A. The grave should remind us of the fragility of life**



**“I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite.”**

**Genesis 49:29**

**“God will surely visit you,  
and ye shall carry up my  
bones from hence.”**

**Genesis 50:25**

# **#2 PUT ON GOD'S GLASSES WITH REGARDS TO THE GRAVES SORROW (50:1-14)**

**A. The grave should remind us of the fragility of life**

**B. The grace should remind us of the fruit of a godly testimony**



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# **#1 PUT ON GOD'S GLASSES WITH REGARDS TO THE GUILT OF SIN (50:15-18)**

- A. When we doubt God's forgiveness we become fearful**
- B. When we doubt God's forgiveness we become cowardly**
- C. When we doubt God's forgiveness we become self-abasing**

**“He will turn again, he will have  
compassion on us; he will subdue  
our iniquities; and thou wilt cast  
their sins into the depths of the  
sea.”**

**Micah 7:19**

**“Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.”**

**Isaiah 38:17**

**“I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.”**

**Isaiah 44:22**



**“I, even I, am he that blotteth  
out thy transgressions for  
mine own sake, and will not  
remember thy sins.”**

**Isaiah 43:25**

**“For I will be merciful to  
their unrighteousness, and  
their sins and their iniquities  
will I remember no more.”**

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# **#3 PUT ON GOD'S GLASSES WITH REGARDS TO GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY (50:19-21)**

When terrible things happen to you, you have two options:

- 1. Either God is sovereign and, for some reason, He allowed it to happen**
- 2. Or, God isn't sovereign and this one slipped by Him**

**“But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.”**

**Genesis 50:20**

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