

# Genesis 37 – 50

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such thing as  
luck.

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“Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear.”

Genesis 50:19-21

# The Point of Genesis 37

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God is in complete control of every event of life, including all the bad things, and God is intending it all for good.

This describes “The Providence of God.”

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# The Definition of God's Providence

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“God’s providence is His constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation for His own glory and the good of His people....

Nothing, not even the smallest virus, escapes His care and control....

If we are to trust God, we must learn to see that He is continuously at work in every aspect and every moment of our lives.”

Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God*



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# The Depths of God's Providence

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God's control over your life goes *that* deep—as deep as all the bad things that other people have said and done *to* you—as deep as all the bad things you've said and done to other people. This truth doesn't allow you to blame God for anyone's sin, but it encourages you to trust him amidst all the sin.

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# The Design of God's Providence

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“His father sends him to his sinful brothers who say:

*Why is he here?*

*Is he going to be our Lord?*

*Is he going to be king over Israel?*

*Away with him!*

So he was conspired against, plotted against, betrayed, and sold for twenty pieces of silver into the hands of Gentiles.”

— Robert Candlish's description of Joseph (edited)