

I Will Be Your God Part One

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Genesis 42:1-5; 50:20; Exodus 1:6-7; Romans 8:28

You may be moving through life, and pain knocks at your door. What can you do?
Find hope in what is promised.

Where do we find hope?

Abraham, in Genesis 42:1-5, was promised by God to become a great nation.

Sometimes you get trapped in a limited perspective. You begin to ask God,
“How could you let this happen?” “Why don’t you take it away?”

God sees everything from beginning to end.

A perfect example is when famine ravaged the Land, and Jacob had to send his sons to
Egypt to buy grain.

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you just
keep looking at each other?”² He continued, “I have heard that there is grain in Egypt.
Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.”

³ Then ten of Joseph’s brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. ⁴ But Jacob did not
send Benjamin, Joseph’s brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might
come to him. ⁵ So Israel’s sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was
famine in the land of Canaan also.”

The whole world was coming to Egypt because the famine was everywhere.

Jacob “learned” actually means Jacob “looked.” Jacob looked beyond circumstances to
the promise that he would be the father of a great nation.

Genesis 50:20. Joseph understood God’s purpose, even though for many years he
suffered great pain and mistreatment.

²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now
being done, the saving of many lives.

Joseph has saved the world with storehouses of Egyptian grain. He looks at the family
who wounded him, but was able to say “What you meant for evil, God meant for good.”

Even after Joseph died, look at the great nation God was building: Exodus 1:6-7

⁶ Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, ⁷ but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.

Remember in suffering that you are not outside the purpose of God.

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who ^[a] have been called according to his purpose.

Nothing can separate you from the love of Christ.

You must find hope in what you can't see.

God sees everything from beginning to end.

Exodus 16:7

When you can't find hope in something, find hope in someone.