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What Good Is This?

What good is this? **What do you mean by asking what good is this?** Well, I'm going through this trial. I did not want it. I did not bring it on myself. I did not cause it. I don't think I deserved it. **So, you're saying that you don't understand why you are going through this difficult trial.** That's it. That's what I am saying. **Let's talk about that.** I'd like that.

How often have you understood what good might come out of a difficult trial you were going through? Almost never, at least at the time, I have been going through a difficult trial. **What has helped you to understand a difficult trial that you have gone through?** Time, has helped me understand a difficult trial I have gone through. **How so?** I have had to look backwards in time to understand how you have used even difficult trials of mine to accomplish your purpose and fulfill your plans. **Have you ever had a trial you thought that I would never be able to bring something good out of it?** I have thought that, quite often, may be even, about most the trials I have gone through. **That's true.**

I would like you to think differently about your trials. How so? **I would like you to have faith that I will be able to bring good out of even the most difficult of your trails.** I would like you to have faith to keep your heart and mind and life focused on me as you go through difficult trials. **I would like you to trust that I will be with you to help you through even your most difficult of trials.** I want you to hold on to me as I hold on to you. **Will you have faith? Will you have trust? Will you hold on to me as I hold on to you?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

There are a couple more things I want to clear up for you. What's that? **You live in a broken world. I experienced trials. You will experience trials. I experienced pain and suffering and loss. You will experience pain and suffering and loss. I will weep with you as weep. I will mourn with you as you mourn. But, I will be with you to comfort you. I will be with you to help you. I will be able to bring good even out of your darkest hours and most difficult trials. Do you believe what I am saying to you?** Yes Lord, I believe. I know that you will be able to bring good out of even my most difficult trials. **That's very good.**

Heavenly Father, I have not usually understood your purposes and plans as I have gone through trials in life. Thank you for allowing me to see your hand at work as I have looked back. Continue your good work in me for your glory. Amen

God The Father *Intended It For Good*

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

NIV Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Meant It For Good*

But Joseph said to them, "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; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

ESV Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Intended It All For Good*

But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? 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. 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 Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Meant It For Good*

Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

NKJV Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Intended It For Good*

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

NRSV Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Plans For My Good*

Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid. Do I act for God? Don't you see, you planned evil against me but God used those same plans for my good, as you see all around you right now—life for many people. Easy now, you have nothing to fear; I'll take care of you and your children." He reassured them, speaking with them heart-to-heart.

MSG Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Meant It For Good*

And Joseph said to them, Fear not; for am I in the place of God? [Vengeance is His, not mine.] As for you, you thought evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring about that many people should be kept alive, as they are this day. Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will provide for and support you and your little ones. And he comforted them [imparting cheer, hope, strength] and spoke to their hearts [kindly].

AMP Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Turned Into Good*

But Joseph told them, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, to judge and punish you? As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil, for he brought me to this high position I have today so that I could save the lives of many people. No, don't be afraid. Indeed, I myself will take care of you and your families." And he spoke very kindly to them, reassuring them.

TLB Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Meant It For Good*

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

NASB Genesis 50:19-21

God The Father *Turned Your Evil Into Good*

Then Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Can I do what only God can do? You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is being done. So don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children." So Joseph comforted his brothers and spoke kind words to them.

NCV Genesis 50:19-21

Intended It For Good

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

God The Father – Genesis 50:19-21

In Context: *Read Genesis 50*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you offered complete forgiveness to someone who has harmed you?

How has your Heavenly Father offered complete forgiveness to you even though you have sinned against Him?

How has your Heavenly Father guided you to show love and kindness to those who have hurt you in the past?

When has your Heavenly Father been able to use what seemed like a total disaster for good in your life?

How difficult has it been to understand the working of your Heavenly Father when you have gone through trials in life?

When have you been able to look back and see how your Heavenly Father worked through past trials in your life?

What would your Heavenly Father not have been able to accomplish through you if you had not gone through a trial?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask your Heavenly Father to help you to understand how He is working in and through your life for His glory.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that your Heavenly Father will use even difficult trials to accomplish His purposes in and through your life.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how your Heavenly Father has worked good out of a trial you had in life.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow God to use even your difficult trials to accomplish His plans.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to use even my difficult trails to accomplish your plans.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to use even my difficult trials to accomplish your plans?
