

Joseph – An Example of God’s Providence

Does the Lord look ahead and provide for His children today?

Introduction

- Life is a series of events including “ups” and “downs”
- Many view life’s events as simply random happenings without any unified meaning
- Life is a game of chance without any purpose behind it
- However Christians believe there is purpose behind life, we are here to obey and glorify God

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- Further, Christians believe in the providence of God, He is active in looking ahead and caring for His children
- How does He work in our lives, through miracles or just “ordinary” events?
- Why do we believe in the providence of God and what does Joseph have to do with His providence?

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- In Joseph, we have a detailed example of God’s providence
- God provided for Joseph in such a way that the family of Jacob would survive a deadly famine and the lineage of Jesus might continue so that all would have a perfect sacrifice for our sins

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- Joseph also had to play a part so that God would continue to provide for him the things to bring about God’s purpose
- Then, we will make some applications regarding providence to our lives

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What Is The Providence of God?

- Closest to idea of providence is found in Acts 24:2
- Idea means God thinking ahead of time providing for His purpose to be carried out
- Would imply God's foreknowledge and predestination
- In Joseph, we see God thinking ahead and providing what was needed for the rescue and continuation of the family of Jacob, lineage of Christ

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What Is The Providence of God?

Act 24:2 After *Paul* had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying *to the governor*, "Since we have through you attained much peace, and since by your providence reforms are being carried out for this nation,

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What Is The Providence of God?

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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Rom 8:30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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What Is The Providence of God?

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

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Joseph Believed In God's Providence

Gen 45:5 "Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Gen 45:7 "God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

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Gen 45:8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

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Joseph In Canaan – Favored Son And Envied Brother

- Jacob favored Joseph as the son of his old age, only son of Rachel, his favorite wife
- But, Joseph also showed great spiritual character even at a young age
- Jacob gave him a multi-colored coat that set him apart from his other brothers

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Jacob Favors Joseph, A Godly Son

Gen 37:1 Now Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

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Jacob Favors Joseph, A Godly Son

Gen 37:2 These are *the records* of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was *still* a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

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Jacob Favors Joseph, A Godly Son

Gen 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic.

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Joseph In Canaan – Favored Son And Envied Brother

- For several “reasons”, Joseph’s brothers were hateful and envious toward him
- Instead of seeking to develop righteous character, they sought to destroy Joseph
- After someone is murdered, often you will hear people say, “He was such a good person. He never had an enemy.”

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Joseph In Canaan – Favored Son And Envied Brother

- Envy and hatred of righteousness has always been from the time of Cain and Abel
- Their envy and hatred are finally expressed in the evil act of selling him into Egyptian slavery
- Sometimes, God's providence works above the evil being done – Joseph gets to Egypt to save his family

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Joseph's Brothers Hate And Envy Him

Gen 37:4 His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

Gen 37:8 Then his brothers said to him, "Are you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

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Joseph's Brothers Hate And Envy Him

Gen 37:18 When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death.

Gen 37:19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer!

Gen 37:20 "Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!"

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Gen 37:22 Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him"--that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father.

Gen 37:23 So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him;

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Gen 37:24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.

Gen 37:26 Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood?

Gen 37:27 "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our *own* flesh." And his brothers listened *to him*.

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Gen 37:28 Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled *him* up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.

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Joseph's Brothers Hate And Envy Him

- They covered their sins against Joseph with a lie, allowing Jacob to believe he was killed by wild animals
- Power of a lie to cause Jacob to painfully mourn his dead son although he was alive
- Joseph, at 17, now a slave in Egypt – the place the Lord intended him to be for His grand purpose

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Gen 37:31 So they took Joseph's tunic, and slaughtered a male goat and dipped the tunic in the blood;

Gen 37:32 and they sent the varicolored tunic and brought it to their father and said, "We found this; please examine *it* to see whether it is your son's tunic or not."

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Joseph's Brothers Hate And Envy Him

Gen 37:33 Then he examined it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces!"

Gen 37:34 So Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

Gen 37:36 Meanwhile, the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard.

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Why Genesis 38?

- In the midst of the account of Joseph is Gen. 38
- Why is it there? It seems unrelated to Joseph
- It is there because through Judah's relationship with his daughter-in-law, the lineage of Christ continues
- Then, through Joseph by God's providence, Israel is preserved

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Why Genesis 38?

Gen 38:6 Now Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.

Gen 38:7 But Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD took his life.

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Why Genesis 38?

Gen 38:11 Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up"; for he thought, "*I am afraid* that he too may die like his brothers." So Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

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Why Genesis 38?

Gen 38:14 So she removed her widow's garments and covered *herself* with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife.

Gen 38:15 When Judah saw her, he thought she *was* a harlot, for she had covered her face.

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Why Genesis 38?

Gen 38:24 Now it was about three months later that Judah was informed, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and behold, she is also with child by harlotry." Then Judah said, "Bring her out and let her be burned!"

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Why Genesis 38?

Gen 38:26 Judah recognized *them*, and said, "She is more righteous than I, inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not have relations with her again.

Gen 38:28 Moreover, it took place while she was giving birth, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet *thread* on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."

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Why Genesis 38?

Gen 38:29 But it came about as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out. Then she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" So he was named Perez.

Mat 1:3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.

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Joseph In Egypt – Godly Slave And Prisoner Mistreated

- For the next 13 years of his life, Joseph is first a slave then a prisoner in Egypt
- Joseph could have pitied himself, blamed God for his plight or chosen to lead a sinful life to indulge himself
- Instead, he kept trusting and serving God being the best slave and prisoner he could be

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Joseph Prospers As A Slave In Egypt

- Sold to Potiphar a military leader Joseph prospered trusting in the Lord
- Potiphar entrusts his household to the care of Joseph

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Joseph Prospers As A Slave In Egypt

Gen 39:1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

Gen 39:3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and *how* the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

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Joseph Prospers As A Slave In Egypt

Gen 39:4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.

Gen 39:5 It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

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Joseph Mistreated As A Slave In Egypt

- Although given opportunity, Joseph refused to commit fornication with Potiphar's wife
- He recognized that all sin is primarily against God, transgression of His law
- Lesson for us – be mindful of pleasing God by fleeing from sin

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Joseph Mistreated As A Slave In Egypt

Gen 39:7 It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

Gen 39:8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me *here*, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge.

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Joseph Mistreated As A Slave In Egypt

Gen 39:9 "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"

Gen 39:10 As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her *or* be with her.

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Joseph Mistreated As A Slave In Egypt

Gen 39:11 Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside.

Gen 39:12 She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

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Gen 39:17 Then she spoke to him with these words, "The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me;

Gen 39:18 and as I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

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Joseph Mistreated As A Slave In Egypt

Gen 39:20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

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Joseph Prospers As A Prisoner In Egypt

- Not blaming God for his trouble, Joseph trusted in the Lord and the Lord blessed him even in prison
- Joseph was given great responsibilities by the chief jailer

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Joseph Prospers As A Prisoner In Egypt

Gen 39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

Gen 39:22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible *for it*.

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Joseph Prospers As A Prisoner In Egypt

Gen 39:23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.

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Joseph Mistreated As A Prisoner In Egypt

- Although the Lord blessed him, Joseph also suffered some mistreatment
- Joseph interprets the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker, his fellow prisoners
- Then, when the cupbearer is released he forgets about Joseph for two years
- How could this ingratitude and neglect work for Joseph's good and God's purpose?

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Joseph Mistreated As A Prisoner In Egypt

Gen 40:1 Then it came about after these things, the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt.

Gen 40:3 So he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the *same* place where Joseph was imprisoned.

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Joseph Mistreated As A Prisoner In Egypt

Gen 40:5 Then the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream the same night, each man with his *own* dream *and* each dream with its *own* interpretation.

Gen 40:8 Then they said to him, "We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell *it* to me, please."

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Joseph Mistreated As A Prisoner In Egypt

Gen 40:9 So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, behold, *there was* a vine in front of me;

Gen 40:10 and on the vine *were* three branches. And as it was budding, its blossoms came out, *and* its clusters produced ripe grapes.

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Gen 40:11 "Now Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I put the cup into Pharaoh's hand."

Gen 40:13 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office; and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.

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Gen 40:14 "Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house.

Gen 40:15 "For I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon."

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Gen 40:16 When the chief baker saw that he had interpreted favorably, he said to Joseph, "I also saw in my dream, and behold, *there were* three baskets of white bread on my head;

Gen 40:17 and in the top basket *there were* some of all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

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Gen 40:18 Then Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days;

Gen 40:19 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh off you."

Gen 40:21 He restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand;

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Gen 40:22 but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.

Gen 40:23 Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

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Joseph In Egypt – Godly Ruler And Rescuer Who Forgave

- Two years after his release, Pharaoh has two dreams which no one could explain
- The chief cupbearer is reminded of Joseph's ability to interpret dreams
- Pharaoh calls for Joseph to come and interpret his dreams
- With God's help, Joseph does interpret the dreams – seven years of plenty followed by seven deadly years of famine

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God Raises Joseph To Second In Command In Egypt

Gen 41:1 Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he was standing by the Nile.

Gen 41:4 The ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.

Gen 41:7 The thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Then Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream.

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Gen 41:8 Now in the morning his spirit was troubled, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

Gen 41:13 "And just as he interpreted for us, so it happened; he restored me in my office, but he hanged him."

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Gen 41:16 Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

Gen 41:26 "The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one *and the same*."

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Gen 41:27 "The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven thin ears scorched by the east wind will be seven years of famine.

Gen 41:32 "Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, *it means* that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.

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Gen 41:34 "Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth *of the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.

Gen 41:35 "Then let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard *it*."

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Gen 41:39 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are.

Gen 41:40 "You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you."

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God Raises Joseph To Second In Command In Egypt

Gen 41:46 Now Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:57 *The people of* all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

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God Raises Joseph To Second In Command In Egypt

- Through the “ups” and downs” of Joseph’s life, the Lord raises him to second in command in Egypt
- Purpose was to save the family of Israel so that the line of Jesus, the savior of the world might continue
- But now that Joseph is in this position, he must act to bring about God’s purpose

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Joseph Rescues His Family And Forgives His Brothers

- Joseph is chiefly concerned with pleasing God no matter what his circumstances may be
- Now as ruler of Egypt, Joseph continues to please God by saving his family from starvation and forgiving his brothers for their sins
- This is an example of God bringing good out of evil without approving the evil

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Gen 42:3 Then ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt.

Gen 42:4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "I am afraid that harm may befall him."

Gen 42:6 Now Joseph was the ruler over the land; he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down to him with *their* faces to the ground.

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Gen 42:21 Then they said to one another, "Truly we are guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us."

Gen 42:24 He turned away from them and wept. But when he returned to them and spoke to them, he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

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Gen 43:15 So the men took this present, and they took double *the* money in their hand, and Benjamin; then they arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

Gen 43:23 He said, "Be at ease, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

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Gen 43:26 When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which was in their hand and bowed to the ground before him.

Gen 44:2 "Put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph had told *him*.

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Gen 44:9 "With whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves."

Gen 44:12 He searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

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Gen 44:17 But he said, "Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose possession the cup has been found, he shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

Gen 44:33 "Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers.

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Gen 44:34 "For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me--for fear that I see the evil that would overtake my father?"

Gen 45:1 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "Have everyone go out from me." So there was no man with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

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Gen 45:2 He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard *it*, and the household of Pharaoh heard *of it*.

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Joseph Rescues His Family And Forgives His Brothers

- After all the evil they had done to him, would Joseph forgive his brothers so that they and their father could be saved from the famine?
- If he had decided to not forgive Judah, the line of Jesus would be in jeopardy
- Because he loves God and sees God's hand in his life, Joseph forgives them of their evil and sees the good God has brought out of it – rescue of Israel

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Gen 45:5 "Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Gen 45:6 "For the famine *has been* in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

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Gen 45:7 "God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

Gen 45:8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

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Gen 45:9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

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Joseph Rescues His Family And Forgives His Brothers

Gen 50:17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Gen 50:18 Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."
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Joseph Rescues His Family And Forgives His Brothers

Gen 50:19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place?

Gen 50:20 "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.

Gen 50:21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.
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Gen 50:24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob."

Gen 50:25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here."
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Gen 50:26 So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.
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Providence of God In Our Lives

- Clearly, God was at work in the lives of Joseph and others to bring about His purpose of bringing Jesus into the world
- He used both ordinary and miraculous events combined with the free choices (both good and evil) of individuals to bring about His will, rescue of Israel's family from famine
- But, does He work through His providence in our lives today?

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Excluding miracles, the Lord does work in the lives of Christians today by

- Providing for spiritual and physical needs
- Answering prayers
- Strengthening faith through trials
- Helping us escape temptations

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- Hard for us to see his providence when it is happening
- But we must always be of godly character at all times just as Joseph was

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Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

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1Pe 3:12 "FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

Jas 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

Jas 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

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Jas 1:4 And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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