

ROMANS 8:28 A TAPESTRY OF JOSEPH'S LIFE
Genesis 37

1. **Jacob's Favoritism:** That was bad, but it worked for good.
 - A. Genesis 37:3, "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors."
2. **Hatred of His Brothers:** Bad, but works for good.
 - A. Genesis 37:4, "And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceable unto him."
3. **Plot to Kill Joseph:** Bad, but works for good.
 - A. Genesis 37:18, "And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him."
4. **Reuben's Intervention:** Good, and works for good.
 - A. Genesis 37:25, "And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt."
5. **Coming of the Caravan:** Good, and works for good.
 - A. Genesis 37:25.
6. **Judah Suggesting Selling Joseph:** Bad, but works for good.
 - A. Genesis 37:26, 27, "And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content."
7. **Ishmaelites and Midianites in the Caravan:** Bad, but works for good.
 - A. Genesis 37:28, "Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt."
8. **Joseph Arrives in Egypt as a Slave:** Bad, but works for good.
 - A. Genesis 39:1, "And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, which had brought him down thither."
9. **Joseph is Sold Into the House of Potiphar:** Bad, that is slavery, good that is Potiphar.
 - A. Genesis 39:1.
10. **Potiphar's Wife Lied, Which Caused Joseph's Imprisonment:** Bad, but works for good.
 - A. Genesis 39:17, 18, "And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out."

11. **Joseph is in Charge in Prison:** Good, works for good.
 - A. Genesis 39:22, "And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it."
12. **Joseph Trusted in Man:** Bad, but it works for good.
 - A. Genesis 40:14, "But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house."
13. **Magicians and Wise Men Were Not Able to Interpret Pharaoh's Dream:** Bad, for Pharaoh, but good for Joseph.
 - A. Genesis 41:8, "And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh."
14. Good and bad are all woven into a tapestry. God's GRACE turns cursing into blessing. God, in His omniscience, works all things (bad and good) together for the good of those who belong to Him.

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