



INTENDED FOR GOOD

The Sovereign and Good God

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Ice Breaker

When did you see something as bad in the moment and then it turned out to be a good thing?

Understand Their Story

How does the repetition of key phrases like “God sent me” in Genesis 45 emphasize Joseph’s understanding of God’s hand in his life?

How does the story of Joseph fit into the unfolding of God’s covenant promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? And what does this show us about God’s providence?

Connect to His Story

What does the story of Joseph teach us about humanity?

How does Joseph’s story foreshadow the way God would later use suffering and betrayal (e.g., in Christ’s death) to bring about salvation for His people?

Apply to Our Story

Are you tempted to see events as arbitrary or out of control? How can the truth of God’s sovereignty bring you peace?

Think about a time when God’s goodness became clear only in hindsight. How can that memory help you trust Him now?

Read Romans 12:12: “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” How does this verse encourage you to rest in God’s sovereign goodness?

Accountability

Share with someone a current situation where you need to trust God’s plan. Ask them to pray for you to see His purpose and goodness.

This week, reflect on one area where you feel uncertain or anxious. How can you shift your focus to God’s power and faithfulness?

Parenting Moment

Help your child grasp the concept of God’s sovereign goodness:

Share a simplified version of Joseph’s story, emphasizing that even when things seemed bad, God had a plan for good.

Discuss times when they felt disappointed or hurt and later saw something good come from it.

Teach them to pray, thanking God for His control and asking Him to help them trust His plans