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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Gen. 50:20** *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (NIV)*

Perspective is everything. It all depends on what you perceive or see from your viewpoint. I could say it's a beautiful, crisp spring morning with about three inches of snow while you might say it's a warm and humid morning and it's already eighty-four degrees. Well, it really depends on where you live. I live in N.W. Colorado, and you might live in Houston, Texas. We are both looking at the same day but from extremely different points of view.

In this passage, we hear Joseph's profound statement to his brothers. He was telling them that when they threw him in a pit, told his father he was dead, and sold him into slavery in Egypt, that they wanted him gone. They wanted him gone forever. They had intended to never see or hear from him again. But God had a different plan. He always does. It is called wisdom, and God has it all. What Joseph couldn't see when he was sold to Egyptian slavers, was that this was exactly what God wanted to happen, so that He could use Joseph to save his family and his people. And that is exactly what He did. Many years after this deed that was perpetrated by the scheming brothers, they were trying to make it through a famine in their land. But it was so bad that they were forced to go begging to Egypt, where they heard that there was plenty of provisions. The interesting thing was that Egypt was also going through the same drought, and yet they had plenteous provisions. This was all because the LORD had used Joseph to warn the Pharaoh that the famine was coming. So, for seven previous years, the Egyptians gathered and stored more than enough to feed them through the upcoming seven years. When Joseph's brothers came begging for food, they were ultimately shocked and afraid to find out that the second in command of all Egypt was the same brother that they had betrayed so many years before. And in a moment of unbelievable forgiveness, Joseph reminded them the same way he is reminding us today, that God is always in control. When you think that this world has lost its mind and soul, there are still those that God has place in high places, that will do what He has planned all along. Knowing this allows us not the worry or fret about the things that are happening all around us. Meditate on this one major fact today: God is still in control. And He always will be. This allows us to live in abundance when the world can't understand it, because they are living in spiritual famine.

Over two thousand years ago, the precious Lamb of God was beaten and impaled upon a cross. Why would the LORD allow this to happen? *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

**Dear LORD, we need to be reminded daily that You are still in control and that no matter what may take place in our lives today, You will accomplish Your purpose. You are and will always be LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen**