

Preaching Series:

E38

38 essential passages in understanding
GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY AND YOUR STORY.

A man with dark hair, wearing a long, flowing robe with vertical stripes in shades of red, brown, and white, stands in a desert landscape. He is holding a long, thin wooden staff in his right hand. The background shows a vast, open plain with sparse vegetation and distant mountains under a cloudy sky. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

Joseph

The Dream Weaver

Joseph teaches us:

“You will get through this. It won’t be painless. It won’t be quick. But God will use this mess for good. In the meantime, don’t be foolish or naïve. Don’t despair either. With God’s help you will get through this.”

“Providence means that God has not abandoned the world that he created, but rather works within creation to manage all things to the fulfillment of his will.”

J.M. Boyce

“Is God actively involved in his creation?”











The Lord was **with** Joseph and all that he
did prospered.”

Gen. 39:2



God's Providence:

He Sustains Everything!

“The Son is the exact representation of God,
sustaining all things by his powerful word.”

Heb. 1:13

“In him all things **hold** together”

Col. 1:17

God's Providence:

He Uses Everything!

“In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him **who works out everything** in conformity to his will.”

Eph. 1:11





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.”

Gen. 50:19-20

God's Providence:

He always accomplishes
his perfect will.

“And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in **all the world.**”

Gen. 41:57

What did you **resolve** when you
got out of **your pit**?

Hard hearts don't heal.

Are you allowing a hurt from
your past to justify a present
horrible decision?

Successful

Smart

Good

Happy

Would you be willing to **filter**
life's **pain** through the filter
of God's **providence**?

BUT God









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life's **pain** through the filter
of God's **providence**?

“We know that in all things God **works** for the
good of those who **love** him.”

Romans 8:28

Are you willing to believe that
past obedience led to current
difficulty as preparation for
your future blessing?

Potiphar's house

Prison

2nd in command of
Egypt

Do you mistakenly believe
that God is **selectively good**?

Seven years of Harvest and Seven years of Famine

Are you willing to believe that
in spite of it all, God **is still**
committed to fulfilling his vision
for your life?



“For those God foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the
image of his Son.”

Rom. 8:29

Joseph teaches me:

I will get through this. It won't be painless. It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good. In the meantime, don't be foolish or naïve. Don't despair either. With God's help I will get through this.