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THE STORY

Chapter Three: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

You'll 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.
But don't despair either.
With God's help, you will get through this.
Max Lucado

DIVINE PROVIDENCE

1. God _____ everything

'For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.'

Colossians 1:16-17 NIV

2. God _____ everything

'He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.'

Matthew 5:45 NIV

Divine Providence says that
God who uses everything,
can even take evil and recast it into something good.

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.'

Genesis 50:19-20 NIV

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

- 1) As you read/listen to the story of Joseph, what part was the most difficult to embrace? What part gave you the most encouragement?
- 2) How does Joseph's attitude toward his brothers challenge you in some of your own difficult relationships?
- 3) Do you have a "but God" story? What happened? How did you see God come through for you?
- 4) How would you define "Divine Providence"? How have you seen that work in your life?
- 5) As you reflect on what you learned in Chapter 3, what is your biggest takeaway?
- 6) God can be trusted at all times. Do you believe that? Why or why not?

FURTHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON PAGE 473 IN *THE STORY*.

