

**THEY MEANT IT FOR EVIL, BUT GUESS WHAT**

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\* JOSEPH

Gen. 50:20 Joseph said -- although you thought to do evil against me,  
God had a good purpose in mind; He was saving many  
people

Gen. 37:2 17-year old Joseph  
3 Israel loved Joseph more than all his children  
4 the brothers hated Joseph  
5-8 Joseph's dream -- they hated him more -- reign over  
us? -- dominion over us?  
9 Joseph's second dream  
10-11 Israel rebuked Joseph -- but he didn't forget what  
Joseph said  
12-14 the brothers went to feed their father's flock in  
Shechem -- Jacob sent Joseph unto them  
15-17 the brothers had moved to Dothan  
18-20 the brothers plotted to kill Joseph  
21-22 Reuben proposed that they throw Joseph into a pit (an  
old well) instead of killing him  
23-24 took Joseph's coat & threw him into the pit  
25-27 Judah convinced the brothers to sell Joseph to  
Ishmeelites (on their way to Egypt)  
28 they sold him for 20 pieces of silver  
29-30 Reuben returned to the pit -- (to rescue?)  
31-32 dipped the coat in goat's blood  
33-35 Israel mourned for Joseph  
36 the Midianites sold Joseph unto Potiphar, an officer of  
Pharaoh

\* JESUS OF NAZARETH

Acts 2:22-24 Peter said -- although you killed Jesus of Nazareth,  
God had a remarkable purpose in mind; He was saving many people

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In both of these cases (Joseph and Christ), God was saving many people.  
What if God is actively involved in your trial? Can you be positive and  
edifying?

However, what if God is only passively involved in your trial? (By passively  
involved, I mean He is watching but allowing events to take a course without  
much interference from Him.) Can you be positive and edifying?

1 Cor. 2:11 spirit in man -- Spirit of God  
2 Cor. 11:23-33 Paul's trials -- determination & God  
2 Cor. 12:9-10 the power of Christ