

Sovereignty and Suffering
Genesis 50:20

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i. God's undeniable destiny for Joseph's life did not exclude him from suffering.

Genesis 37:3-10, 19-28, Genesis 43:5-7

ii. Every Believer must recognize and respond to God's presence and purpose for their suffering.

Genesis 39:2, 5, 21, 23, Genesis 41:38, Matt 28:20, 1 John 4:13, Job 23:10, Job 42:5, 2 Tim. 3:11

1. God Uses our Darkest Days to Prepare Us.

Genesis 37:36, Genesis 39:1-6, Philippians 2:13

2. God Uses our Difficulties to Prune Us.

Genesis 39:7-20, John 15:2,4-5

2a: The Pruning Work of God in our Lives Produces Spiritual Fruit.

Galatians 5:22-23

2b: The Pruning Work of God in our Lives Produces Spiritual Fortitude.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

3. God is Doing a Work to Position us.

Genesis 41:1-57, Genesis 50:20, Philippians 1:12-13