

## Perspective of Detours

### Genesis 50

#### Introduction

*The story of Joseph is a story of a man's journey to destiny. It is also a story of a man who successfully navigated detours as God led him to his destiny. The key to Joseph's success was his perspective. He chose to view God as the center of everything – and this was the cornerstone of the foundation for his life.*

*Joseph kept God as his point of reference whether his circumstances were good or bad. Genesis 50:20 says, "...you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good..." The pattern of words represented in this scripture is "evil", "God", and then "good". This order is important. When evil is present and we put God in the middle of it, He can turn evil into good. However, God can't just be an addendum. He must be a point of reference. He must be the cornerstone on which we choose to view and interpret our life experiences. Even though Joseph didn't have anything in life working for him at times, God always turned things so that, in the end, Joseph could reach His destiny.*

*God knows how to recycle our current situation in order to get us to where He wants us to be. This pattern – "evil", "God", then "good" - is not unique to Joseph. It is the pattern throughout Scripture. Job, Moses, and Abraham each experienced difficulties but kept God at the center of their perspectives and in due time, they each reaped the reward of their destiny.*

*While natural circumstances can get you down, keeping your eye on God can get you up again. Don't give up on God. Keep your eyes on Him so that when He turns your life in new directions, you will be able to follow Him and arrive at exactly the place He wants you to be.*

#### Getting Started

1. As we close out our series on Destiny, what is your main take-a-way? What is the main message that you will carry forward?
2. How has your outlook on your own life and circumstances shifted as a result of the Destiny series?

#### Let's Get Personal

1. In what practical ways can you keep your perspective focused on God during difficult situations?
2. What natural circumstances seem right now to get you down?

#### Take the Next Step

1. If you have scriptures that have encouraged you during your time of struggle or detour, take time to share those verses with your group.
2. Take time in prayer to seal the end of this sermon series with your commitment to follow God to your destiny – even in the midst of detours. If you are in a group, pray for one another.

#### Renew Your Mind

***"...you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good ..." Genesis 50:20***

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