

# FAMILY DEVOTION!

## “Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?”



“God Can Use The Bad For Good!”



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### Read:

Read the story of Joseph in Genesis 50 and discuss how God turned Joseph's bad for good.

### Ask:

- In the story of Joseph, what did God know that Joseph didn't?
- What might have happened if Joseph's brothers hadn't thrown him into the well?
- What are some things about your life that God knows but you don't?
- How comfortable are you not knowing the specifics about your future?  
Do you trust God enough to let Him have control of your life?
- Have you ever had something bad happen to you that, looking back, had some good consequences? Talk about them as a family.

### Say:

When you're in the middle of a bad situation, sometimes it's hard to see how anything could ever come from it. How could breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend, getting sick, failing a class, or having someone close to you die ever be a good thing? Does God really expect us to be happy when these things happen?

Of course, God doesn't expect us to be thrilled when bad things happen. What He does want, however, is for us to trust Him enough to believe that in the grand scheme of things, He's going to use everything that happens to us for our good.

God knows everything: the future and the past, the beginning and the end, what we're able to handle and what we can't, what's best for us, everything. Not only does He know everything, but He bases His actions on that knowledge and on love - a perfect combination. We can trust Him because in His knowledge and love, He will never let anything happen to us that's not in our best interest.

### Pray:

Pray together, asking God to help you feel His love even during difficult times. Thank Him that He's always got your best interest at heart.

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