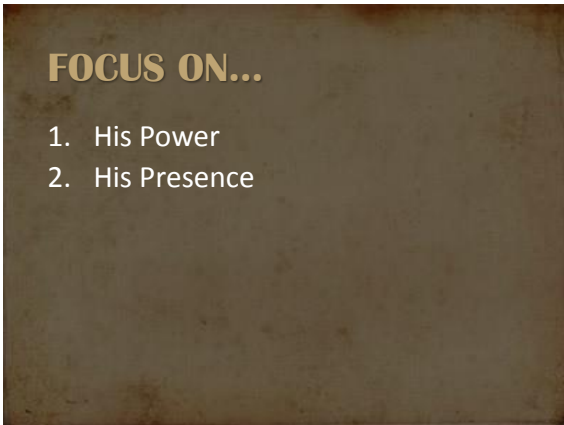


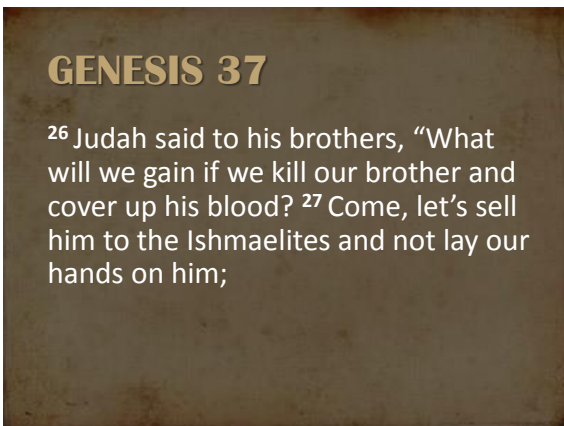
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Answer: Bad things just happen.







GENESIS 39:2

The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered...

*Negative circumstances
are not an indication of
God's absence.*

GENESIS 39:5

From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph.

A ship cannot prove that it has been sturdily built as long as it stays in dry dock. Its hull must get wet; it must face a storm to demonstrate genuine seaworthiness.

- Joel C. Oregory

POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH

1. Increased perception of competence and self-reliance
2. Enhanced acceptance of one's vulnerability
3. Improved relationships with others
4. Increased compassion and empathy for others

POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH

5. Greater efforts directed at improving relationships
6. Increased appreciation of their own existence
7. Greater appreciation for life
8. Positive changes in one's priorities
9. Stronger religious/spiritual beliefs

POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH

10. Greater personal intimacy with God
11. Greater sense of control and security through belief in God
12. Greater meaning about life and suffering through religion

PATHWAYS TO PTG

1. Acceptance
2. Affirmation of life
3. Determination
4. Confidence
5. Faith
6. Relationships
7. Optimism

GENESIS 50

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

FOCUS ON...

- 1. His Power
- 2. His Presence

*Choose to worship!
Not because of what He
does but because of who
He is?*
