Genesis 45:4-8 *(NLT) ...“I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. [5] But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. ...God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. [8] So it was God who sent me here, not you!...*

[After Jacob died Joseph’s brother were afraid Joseph would take revenge]
Genesis 50:19-20 *(NLT) ...Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? [20] You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good...*

****The same event, Joseph being sold into slavery, had two different purposes. Joseph’s brothers wanted to get rid of him and this was easier than killing him. God wanted to shape and mold Joseph and to prepare him to save his family and the future nation of Israel. Even the sinful acts of others can be Redeemed and used by God for His ultimate purposes. He is truly an Awesome God.

PRAYER: Lord, God thank you that you can use everything that has every happened in my life for my good and Your glory. Please help me to learn each day more and more that You are in control and that ALL things happen according to Your plan and purpose. Help me to get in line with what You are doing and to joyfully accept all things from Your hand.

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