



"You intended to harm me, but God intended *it* for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

- Genesis 50:20, p.79

#### What are we to make of the life of Joseph? How do we discern the goodness of God?

1. The story is not the story of Joseph;

it is the story of God.

- It is not a story about the integrity of Joseph;
  <u>it is a story about the sovereignty of God.</u>
- 3. The story is not about Joseph surviving years of injustice; <u>it is a story about the goodness of God in</u> <u>spite of injustices.</u>
- It is not a story about Joseph being forgotten;
  <u>ít ís a story of the God who doesn't forget.</u>
- 5. It is not a story about seeking justice; <u>ít ís a story about trusting God.</u>
- 6. The value of the story is not determined from the perspective of Joseph;
  <u>it is determined from the perspective of God.</u>
  the one thing:

What's your "it"?



# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Think of your weekly discussion group as more of a book club than a Bible study. All you have to do is share your responses to five simple questions:

- 1. What's something you noticed for the first time?
- 2. What **questions** did you have?
- 3. Was there anything that **bothered** you?
- 4. What did you learn about loving God?
- 5. What did you learn about loving others?

### NEXT**STEPS**

- O Memorize Genesis 50:20.
- O Do your CBE reading this week.
- O Men's Advance Weekend...sign up!
- O Other \_\_\_\_\_

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **FEBRUARY**

MEN'S ADVANCE WEEKEND	3-4
ALL-CHURCH WINTER FEST	15
DATE NIGHT	17
6 MONTH MINISTRY UPDATE	19
6 MONTH BUDGET REVIEW MEETING	20
QUEST 56 WINTER EVENT	
JR. HIGH WINTER XTREME	24-26

### MARCH

TROUBLED MINDS: WOMEN & ANXIETY	3
TROUBLED MINDS: ALL-CHURCH PILLARS	4
TABLETOP GAME NIGHT	10
WOMEN'S RETREAT	17-18
WAYPOINT: IMAGE	
TABLETOP GAME NIGHT	31