

(Clip) You Meant It For Evil, God Meant It For Good

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Scripture: Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28, James 1:2, 1 Peter 5:6, Psalm 34:17

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Transcript

My interpretation is that this is a parable of the story of Joseph. God did not answer my prayer that we would not have trouble. What did he do? He humbled a proud father, number one.

He showed his prayer-answering power to a nine-year-old in an absolutely stunning way. He got the gospel into the mind and heart of a mechanic, and we were on our way in, I don't know, four or five hours with a new water pump without having to go to a store. This is the way God works.

He brings his people into trouble while planning for their good. Suppose Satan was involved in our little event. He broke, he broke the water pump, which he can do, I think, because he meant to make us miserable, and he meant that we would lose faith in the goodness of God and his prayer-answering power.

If that were true, which it may well have been, what would you say to Satan? If you know the story of Joseph, what would you say? I know what you would say. This is what you want your students to say when you're done with the story. Satan, you meant it for evil.

My God, who loves me, meant it for good. That's what you'd say, which is why I say that sentence, chapter 50, verse 20, is like a banner over the entire history of redemption, and at any given point where evil strikes God's people, you can say that sentence truly. You meant it for evil.

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