

***Jacob Sold into Slavery***  
**Genesis 37:2-36**

Main Point:

God's good plan for your life can never be frustrated; therefore, when trouble comes your way, rest assured in His providence.

1. As God's elect, He has a good plan for your life.
2. Sometimes it will seem as if this plan is being frustrated.
3. But God's plans can never be frustrated.
4. When trouble comes your way, rest assured in God's providence.

**Psalm 139:16** <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them. (NKJV)

**Romans 8:28** <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. (NKJV)

**Genesis 41:39-40** <sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you. <sup>40</sup> "You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." (NKJV)

**Genesis 42:6** <sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with *their* faces to the earth. (NKJV)

**Genesis 45:6-8** <sup>6</sup> "For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting. <sup>7</sup> "And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup> "So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (NKJV)

**Psalm 105:16-17** <sup>16</sup> Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread. <sup>17</sup> He sent a man before them-- Joseph-- *who* was sold as a slave. (NKJV)

**Genesis 50:20** <sup>20</sup> "But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. (NKJV)

**Job 42:2** <sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. (ESV)

**R. Kent Hughes** "The story is about the hidden but sure way of God."