

## Situations as Change Agents

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As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. – Joseph Genesis 50:20

The “it” represents the cruel situations that God allowed in Joseph’s life. For 13 years Joseph was going through “it” for God’s glory. The “it” in Joseph’s life included

1. Sibling rivalry and conflict
2. A failed murder plot
3. Physical and verbal abuse
4. Loss of family and friends
5. Being sold into slavery
6. Being kidnapped
7. Forced servitude
8. Victim of lies and slander
9. Prison
10. Abandoned by friends

I have never talked with anyone who faced the accumulated problems Joseph faced. Yet, God used these situations to change Joseph:

-He changed him geographically

-He changed him vocationally

-He changed him spiritually

### **HOW DO YOUR SITUATIONS CHANGE YOU?**

Everything that happens to us changes us in one way or another. Perhaps the real question should be: “How do my circumstances change me?” In a split second or the heat of a moment you are confronted with a choice. The event, regardless of what it is, will automatically change you one way or another. Will you view and respond to what just happened to you as an opportunity to glorify God or will you respond to the situation in your life in a negative way?

1. Briefly describe a situation in your life that was challenging, but God used it in your life?
2. Describe a current situation in your life God is using to change you?