Worst-Case Scenario (Genesis 50:19,20)

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INTRODUCTION

- And when you see things as God sees them, then you are seeing them for how they really are.
- So we have to look at trials in a way of what is produced ultimately by God's design, something that is better, a better product.
- Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial. For once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life.

1 Sold Into Slavery by His Brothers

- Can you imagine you've got ten older brothers who want to get rid of you? Some of them are even of a mind to kill you.
- We know how it all turns out. He becomes second over all Egypt. He saves his family.
- He saw things spiritually. He said, I'm not in God's place. Yes, you meant it for evil.
- He saw the great working out of God's plan. And so he didn't take the place of God and reap vengeance.

2 Not Blessed in the Looks Department

Genesis 12; 2 Samuel 15; 1 Peter 3

- If I could be that handsome, my life would be so much better. Really?
- You realize all the problems that happened because people were pretty. Or handsome.
- Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain. But she who fears the Lord will be praised.
- Peter says in 1 Peter chapter 3 that it is the hidden person within. The quality of a person inside that makes the woman or that makes the man.

3 Rejection for Suffering as a Christian

1 Peter 4:14; 1 Peter 1:7; Hebrews 2:10

- I won't drink like they do. I won't dress inappropriately as they do. I won't use profanity like they do.
- If you're reviled for the name of Christ, it says, the spirit of glory and of God rests on you.
- You may be suffering in this temporal moment as persecution is coming at your doorstep. But you have the concern of heaven. You have fellowship with God.
- Our Lord, who was, interestingly enough in Hebrews 2 and verse 10, perfected through sufferings. Why should we be any different or expect different in our own circumstances?
- What's really the worst case scenario? But the real worst case scenario is that you stand in danger of the judgment.

4 Your Spouse Presents a Challenge

- It was not good for man to be alone. He made a helper suitable for him.
- If we observe God's will for marriage and truly understand what he intended in this covenant, it's a good thing.
- I can't control her, and she can't control me. The person I can control is me.
- Maybe I just need to concentrate on what God calls me to be. What he asked me to pursue, how he's calling me to love.
- Your marriage partner is a challenge. But remember you are too. And that God has called you to grow and to pursue love.

5 The Complete Loss of a Loved One

Acts 12

- What about the severity of the complete loss of a loved one?
- He dies in an early age. Not because he's been bad. But because something is good in him.
- There are some things Josiah never had to see. That were far worse than death at an early age.
- James got to glory quicker than Peter did. Why do we feel sorry for James?
- Has it been a wake-up call to you? Has it caused you to be more spiritually attuned?

THE CHALLENGE

Is Christ truly in you? As you have embraced his will and you are striving to live as he did you live. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Are you on that course, on that path?

MY NOTES