



The Harness Devotional

April 27 – May 2

Verse: Genesis 50:20 - "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (NIV)

Song: See a Victory -by Elevation Worship

This song echoes the theme that what the enemy meant for evil, God turns for good.

Monday - Day 1: The Reality of "Harm"

Focus: "You intended to harm me..." Joseph doesn't pretend his brothers didn't hurt him. Faith isn't about ignoring pain or betrayal; it's about acknowledging the reality of the "harm" while looking for a higher truth.

Opening Prayer: Lord, I bring my hurts and the wrongs done against me to You. Help me to be honest about my pain without letting it harden my heart.

Reflection: What past or present "harm" am I still struggling to process or forgive?

Tuesday - Day 2: The Divine "But"

Focus: "...but God..." These are two of the most powerful words in Scripture. They signal that human intentions—no matter how malicious—do not have the final say in your life. God's sovereignty overrules human spite.

Opening Prayer: Father, thank You that You are the final authority. I trust that Your "but" is stronger than any "no" the world has given me.

Reflection: Where do I need to apply a "But God..." to a situation that currently feels hopeless?

Wednesday - Day 3: The Shift in Perspective

Focus: "...intended it for good..." God doesn't just "fix" bad situations; He redeems them. He takes the very raw materials of our suffering and weaves them into a masterpiece of His goodness.

Opening Prayer: Holy Spirit, shift my perspective. Help me to see my trials not as obstacles to Your plan, but as the very tools You are using to fulfill it.

Reflection: Can I look back at a previous "bad" vent and see the "good" that God eventually brought out of it?

Thursday - Day 4: Purpose in the Process

Focus: "...to accomplish what is now being done..." Joseph's years in prison and slavery were not "wasted time." They were in the "accomplishing" phase. God is always working, even in the waiting and in the dark.

Opening Prayer: Lord, give me patience in the "now." Help me to believe that even when I don't see progress, You are accomplishing Your purposes in me.

Reflection: How does knowing that nothing is wasted change the way I view my current season of waiting?

Friday - Day 5: The Greater Impact

Focus: "...the saving of many lives." Joseph's suffering wasn't just about his own growth; it was for the survival of others. Often, our greatest trials prepare us to be the greatest source of help for someone else.

Opening Prayer: Jesus, use my story to help others. Let the lessons I've learned in the fire become a cool drink of water for someone else's thirst.

Reflection: Who in my life might benefit from hearing how God sustained me through my hardest moments?

Saturday: Day 6: The Full Circle of Grace

Focus: (The Full Verse) Joseph's heart was free from bitterness because he saw God's hand in his history. True freedom comes when we trust God's sovereignty more than we resent people's actions.

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, I release my desire for revenge or "fairness" into Your hands. I choose to trust Your sovereignty and rest in Your redemptive grace.

Reflection: If I fully trusted that God is using everything for my good, how much more peace would I have today?