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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 71

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing **His saving** love to you. **Gen. 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.”*

The Hebrew word for **saving** is *lehachayot* which means *to bring life to someone who is dead or to make alive something that should be dead*. Joseph had gone from being thrown in a pit, to being sold by his brothers into slavery, to working in Egypt, to being wrongfully thrown into prison. But through the act of God and His faithfulness to Joseph, he was now second in command in all of Egypt. His brothers, who had years ago betrayed him, were now coming to Egypt to find food, since there was a famine in the land. Not recognizing Joseph after so many years, they came before him to beg for food for their family. Joseph recognized them and instead of holding a grudge against them, he eventually gave them all the food they needed. His quote is today’s scripture in Gen. 50:20.

Joseph knew that this was nothing more than the faithfulness of God. He had continually brought Joseph out of trials, danger, and near death to fulfill the purpose He had for him. Now look again at the meaning of the word *lehachayot*: *to bring to life someone who is dead or to make alive something that should be dead*. Joseph knew this and had experienced this in his own life. And, this is also a picture of us. **Eph. 2:1, 5** *“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins. And He made us alive with Christ, even when we were dead in our trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved!”* **1 Pt. 2:9b** *“so that you may proclaim the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness into His wonderful life.”*

God is so faithful to us. He has given us life and He continues to take what was dead and make it into something that can bring Him glory. Paul exalts in this thought as he is writing Timothy in **2 Tim. 1:12** *“For I know Who I have believed and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him until that Day.”*

Our loving Heavenly Father has taken us, who deserved to be separated from Him forever, and redeemed us for His glory, so that we can help others who don’t yet know Him, to also receive eternal life with Him!

Dear Father, Thank You for Your saving love that brought me out of the darkness into Your glorious light. I once was lost, but now I’m found. I was blind, but now I can see. Thank You so much! In Jesus Name, Amen