

In God's Hands It Will Become Good

In God's Hands, intended evil becomes eventual good....

~Max Lucado

If we look back in history throughout the Bible there were Many instances where God used Satans work for the good of others and all of mankind...

“And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.”

Romans 8:28 AMP

I can't help but think of the apostle Paul. He was imprisoned on numerous occasions.

In fact, one of them they referred to as house arrest. Sounds eerily familiar right now...

“When we arrived at Rome, Paul was allowed to live alone, with the soldier who guarded him.”

Acts 28:16 NCV

But if Paul hadn't been forced to house arrest would he have ever written those 4 letters To the churches in the New Testament? Would we have been blessed with Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon?

“I want to report to you, friends, that my imprisonment here has had the opposite of its intended effect. Instead of being squelched, the Message has actually prospered. All the soldiers here, and everyone else, too, found out that I'm in jail because of this Messiah. That piqued their curiosity, and now they've learned all about him. Not only that, but most of the followers of Jesus here have become far more sure of themselves in the faith than ever, speaking out fearlessly about God, about the Messiah.”

Philippians 1:12-14 MSG

And how about Joseph? God most certainly used his brother's evil intentions toward Joseph for a very good outcome for everyone in Egypt...

“You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is being done.”

Genesis 50:20 NCV

Through God, Joseph knew that food needed to be stored up to last everyone throughout the drought that lasted many years...

“During the seven good years, the crops in the land grew well. And Joseph gathered all the food produced in Egypt during those seven years of good crops and stored the food in the cities. In every city he stored grain that had been grown in the fields around that city.”

Genesis 41:47-48 NCV

Perhaps now is the time for us to look to God to see what good is meant for each one of us out of our current circumstances. Perhaps we are being transformed by God in these evil times into something

better than before. Perhaps we will see it right away and perhaps we won't see it for years to come, but I believe one day we will see...

“Our faces, then, are not covered. We all show the Lord’s glory, and are being changed to be like Him. This change in us brings ever greater glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 3:18

My prayer for us today is that we trust in God for the good that is coming out of this, all over the world. May we continue to count our blessings in each new day and praise God for how He is continually turning evil into good...

“Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land. Even the wild animals will be thankful to me— the wild dogs and owls. They will honor me when I put water in the desert and rivers in the dry land to give water to my people, the ones I chose. The people I made will sing songs to praise me.”

Isaiah 43:19-21 NCV

Amen