

The Sovereignty of God in the Salvation of His People
from Genesis 45:9—50:26
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As we have looked at the Genesis' life of Joseph, we saw the sovereignty of God in the midst of hatred, lust, and deceit in chapters 37-39. In 40-45:8, we saw the sovereignty of God in the midst of good and evil. Now we look at the story as a whole, and see these chapters' emphasis on the sovereignty of God in the salvation of his people, ultimately focused on Jesus Christ himself.

Like Joseph, we must have unrelenting faith that in all human history God has good purposes to bring about the salvation of his people.

Why, according to the story of Joseph, should we have unrelenting faith in the sovereignty of God?

- Because God can be trusted when people sin against us (37-45:8). [Review]
- Because God can be trusted when external evidence is to the contrary (45:9-47:26).
- Because God can be trusted even when He works contrary to man's wisdom (47:27-49:38).
- Because God can be trusted up until the day we die, even when we have not seen the promises (49:39-50:26).