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Genesis 37

We all go through difficult seasons. When we're hurting but see no relief for the future, what can we be sure of?

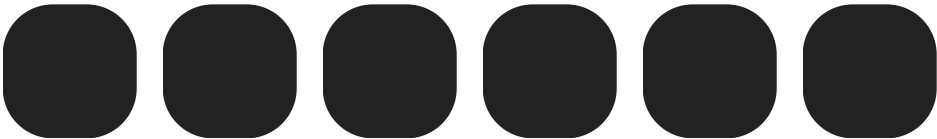
God is with us in our troubles. He gives us what we need—whether it's His love and strength, a sense of security, or the knowledge that we are not alone. Jesus knows what it's like to suffer, be rejected, and lose a loved one. He comprehends the temptations and obstacles we face. What's more, He carries our burdens ([Psalm 68:19](#)) and offers peace for our hurting heart. The God who walks with us is not limited by anything ([Matthew 19:26](#)), so there's no reason be afraid.

God has a purpose for allowing hard times. In the book of Genesis, Joseph could not see God's intentions when his brothers were plotting against him—and neither will we, most of the time. But Joseph knew the Lord's character and trusted Him through the many trials that came his way. And Joseph's faith was rewarded when he ultimately rescued his family ([Genesis 45:1-8](#)).

We are called to live a life of faith. That means we are to believe God's promises even if our circumstances confound us. When troubles surround you, remember what is true: God will never desert you nor abandon you ([Hebrews 13:5](#)), and His good purposes will always be accomplished ([Isaiah 14:27](#)).

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