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"God Has the Last Say So"

Genesis 37:19-20(NKJV)

Genesis 50:18-20(NKJV)

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- Tonight we will continue to discuss how important it is, particularly for us as believers, to understand that it is God who has the final say concerning our destiny.
- Unfortunately, there are too many professed believers in our society, as well as our churches, who live their lives as if what others say or think about them will determine their success.
- We seem to pay too much attention to what other people are trying to do to us, and not enough attention to what God is doing for us.
- Paul writes in Romans 8:31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"
- There are too many of us who claim to be "more than conquerors" who still worry about things that God has under control.
- We have become so distracted by the irrelevant that we cannot see the inevitable.
- We focus more on those who so eagerly point out our problems, than those who recognize our potential.
- It is a trick of the enemy to try to destroy us by distracting and discouraging us from realizing who we are *and* whose we are.
- So, it is important for us to know that regardless of what others say about us, or try to do to us, it is God alone who has the final say so concerning our destiny.
- 'It isn't so unless God says it's so'.

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- In our text we have a great example of this very point.
- Our text involves Joseph the favorite son of Jacob, the son of Isaac who was the son of Abraham the "Father of Faith".
- Joseph's older brothers became jealous of his relationship with his father, so they plotted to destroy him.
- Their first thought was to kill him, but later they decided to sell him into slavery to a group of Midianite merchantmen who took him to Egypt.
- According to Genesis 37:36, these merchantmen sold Joseph to a man named Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, and a captain of the guard.
- Undoubtedly, Joseph's brothers thought they had gotten rid of Joseph, as well as his wild dreams.
- I am sure they believed that they would never see or hear from their brother again.
- However, what they failed to realize was that God had the last say so.
- What happened next in Joseph's life was all a part of God's master plan.
- Psalm 37:23-24 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord... though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."
- Joseph's future was in God's hand; not the hands of his evil brothers.
- His brothers thought for sure that the story of Joseph had ended when he was sold into slavery and taken into Egypt.
- But in our scripture text, what we see is that it's not over until God says it's over. (Genesis 50:18-20)
- It is God alone who writes the final chapter.
- When Joseph sees his brothers kneeling at his feet some twenty years later, he says to them, "But as for you, you thought evil against me, but God meant it for good, to save many lives".
- Indeed, ***God Has The Last Say So!***