

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

DEVOTION DIVE

As we are figuring out decisions to make in life, we might worry about making the right ones. But the good news is that when we follow and pursue God, we do not need to worry. He will lead the way. Even when difficult things happen, we can trust that He will use all things for our good and His glory.

In the story of Joseph in Genesis, after sharing his dreams of being a leader with his brothers, he was thrown into a pit, sold into slavery, and ended up in prison! In the midst of some people making awful choices, God had higher purposes. He used Joseph's gifts to help him become the second-in-command over all of Egypt! Nothing can get in the way of God's will and way.

Sometimes to the human eye things don't make sense, but God is supernatural and above all. He has higher purposes that we might not understand. Because He is a good God who loves us, we can trust Him. He will work all things out for our good because He is sovereign, leads us, and loves us. He will fulfill His purposes for us.

Life can be messy. So, even when it doesn't look pretty, God is working. As 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, God will give you just what you need to accomplish His purposes for you.

FILL IN THE GAPS

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_____, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS AT
_____ TIMES, HAVING _____ THAT YOU NEED,
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MINDFUL MOMENTS

- 1 How do you think Joseph felt in the difficult times?
- 2 What is something in your life that seemed awful, but then God worked through it?
- 3 How does knowing God gives you just what you need, help you?

QUIZ QUEST

Let's see how God worked in difficult situations for each of these people in the Bible. Match the name of the person (below) with each description.

1. **DIFFICULTY:** Widowed, childless, and lived in a foreign land.
GOD'S WILL: Her faithfulness led her to Boaz. She became the great-grandmother of King David and Jesus was in her lineage.
WHO IS IT? _____
2. **DIFFICULTY:** Imprisoned, shipwrecked, persecuted. Before becoming a Believer, persecuted Christians.
GOD'S WILL: His suffering spread the gospel and salvation message, and much of the New Testament is written by Him.
WHO IS IT? _____
3. **DIFFICULTY:** Taken from her home, brought to the king and became Queen. Faced with genocide.
GOD'S WILL: God used her to save the Jewish people.
WHO IS IT? _____
4. **DIFFICULTY:** Rejected, mocked, beaten, crucified.
GOD'S WILL: Through His suffering and being resurrected, salvation was made available to all people.
WHO IS IT? _____
5. **DIFFICULTY:** Betrayed by his own brothers, enslaved, imprisoned.
GOD'S WILL: He was eventually appointed second-in-command in Egypt and positioned to save the people and his own family during a famine.
WHO IS IT? _____

RUTH

JESUS

ESTHER

PAUL

JOSEPH