

*More Is Happening than You Can See*

Genesis 50.20

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What is the difference between macro level view of our lives and the micro view of our lives? Consider the life of Joseph beginning in Genesis 39. In general, what was life like for Joseph, on the micro level, before he rose to prominence in Egypt? What was happening on the macro level?

Joseph had an attitude when he was younger that invited his brothers' scorn. How did God weave that into the macro-level story of his life?

How did Joseph gain an awareness of his destiny to greatness? What do you imagine he thought about his destiny when he was thrown into a pit and sold into slavery? How did God use Joseph's trials to bring him to his great destiny? How do you imagine Joseph kept focused on the macro view during his many difficulties?

Looking back on your life, how has God used bewildering and painful experiences in your life to work toward great purposes? In the middle of your difficult times, how can you develop a macro view of what is happening?

What additional insight is provided in Hebrews 11.1? *Faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see.*

While God is at work on a grand macro level, he is also at work inside of each of us. Consider Leah's experience with this in Genesis 29. She was the unwanted wife of Jacob who also produced several sons for him. What is her attitude after the births of Simeon and Levi? (verses 32 & 34). After the birth of Judah, her attitude changes dramatically. What is it? God is clearly at work on a macro level growing a nation for his purposes. How is he at work inside the life of Leah on a micro level?

Read Genesis 50.20 as a culmination to Joseph's story. What does it tell you about the macro view of life and the micro view?

Consider a difficulty and/or challenge you are currently experiencing? What is your micro experience of it? Ask God to help you imagine what he is at work doing on a macro level.