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Genesis 45 1 Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me!" So none of them were with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. 2 But he wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh's household heard him.

Genesis 45 3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But they were unable to answer him, because they were terrified in his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near me." And they did so. "I am Joseph, your brother," he said, "the one you sold into Egypt!

Genesis 45

- 5 And now, do not be distressed or angry with yourselves that you sold me into this place, because it was to save lives that God sent me before you.
- 6 For the famine has covered the land these two years, and there will be five more years without plowing or harvesting.

Genesis 45

- 7 God sent me before you to preserve you as a remnant on the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.
- 8 Therefore it was not you who sent me here, but God, who has made me a father to Pharaoh—lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 50

- 15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge? Then he will surely repay us for all the evil that we did to him."
- 16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Before he died, your father commanded,
- 17'This is what you are to say to Joseph:
- I beg you, please forgive the transgression and sin of your brothers, for they did you wrong.'
 - So now, Joseph, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."

Genesis 50 When their message came to him, Joseph wept. 18 His brothers also came to him, bowed down before him, and said, "We are your slaves!" 19 But Joseph replied, "Do not be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, what you intended against me for evil, God intended for good, in order to accomplish a day like this—to preserve the lives of many people. 21 Therefore do not be afraid. I will provide for you and your little ones." So Joseph reassured his brothers and spoke kindly to them.

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28 And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.

NASB - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Isaiah 46 8 Remember this and be brave; take it to heart, you transgressors! 9 Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me.

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- I say, 'My purpose will stand, and all My good pleasure I will accomplish.' 11 I summon a bird of prey from the east, a man for My purpose from a far-off land. Truly I have spoken, truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, I will surely do it.

Isaiah 48
3 I foretold the former things long ago; they came out of My mouth and I proclaimed them. Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.

Psalm 33 10 The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations; He thwarts the devices of the peoples. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the purposes of His heart to all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His inheritance! 13 The LORD looks down from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

Psalm 33 14 From His dwelling place He gazes on all who inhabit the earth. 15 He shapes the hearts of each; He considers all their works. 16 No king is saved by his vast army; no warrior is delivered by his great strength. 17 A horse is a vain hope for salvation; even its great strength cannot save.

Psalm 135:5 For I know that the LORD is great; our Lord is above all gods.
6 The LORD does whatever pleases Him in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.

Amos 3:6 If a ram's horn sounds in a city, do the people not tremble?
If calamity comes to a city, has not the LORD caused it?

Lamentations 3 37 Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has ordained it? 38 Do not both adversity and good come from the mouth of the Most High? 39 Why should any mortal man complain, in view of his sins?

Isaiah 45 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God but Me. I will equip you for battle, though you have not known Me, 6 so that all may know, from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting, that there is none but Me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

7 I form the light and create the darkness; I bring prosperity and create calamity. I, the LORD, do all these things. 9 Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker—one clay pot among many. Does the clay ask the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'? 10 Woe to him who says to his father, 'What have you begotten?' or to his mother, 'What have you brought forth?'"

Isaiah 45

- 11 Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker:
 - "How dare you question Me concerning My sons, or instruct Me about the work of My hands?
 - 12 It is I who made the earth and created man upon it.
- It was My hands that stretched out the heavens, and I ordained all their host.

Isaiah 40:13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or informed Him as His counselor?

14 Whom did He consult to enlighten Him, and who taught Him the paths of justice?

Who imparted knowledge to Him and showed Him the way of understanding?

Isaiah 55:8"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. 9"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Proverbs 16:1 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the reply of the tongue is from the LORD.

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

Proverbs 19:21 Many plans are in a man's heart, but the purpose of the LORD will prevail.

Proverbs 20:24 A man's steps are from the LORD, so how can anyone understand his own way?

Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is a waterway in the hand of the LORD; He directs it where He pleases.

Jeremiah 10
23 I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not his own;
no one who walks directs his own steps.

Psalm 33

- 14 From His dwelling place He gazes on all who inhabit the earth.
- 15 He shapes the hearts of each; He considers all their works.

Proverbs 16 33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD

Matthew 10 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Ephesians 1 9 And He has made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to bring all things in heaven and on earth together in Christ.

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- 12 in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, would be for the praise of His glory.

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