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“...how you turned from idols to serve the living and true God.”  
(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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## Joseph's Attitude

Problems. Obstacles. Stumbling blocks. Handicaps. Snags.

There are lots of names for things which work against the goals we're trying to achieve. And God doesn't remove these road-blocks merely because we're Christians or trying to push forward the Lord's work. Paul's list of obstacles in 2 Corinthians 11:23-29 is daunting!

You'll remember that Joseph, as a young man, thought he'd be doing great things for the Lord. He was convinced by two fantastic dreams which seemed to indicate that his brothers would bow to him, and even his parents (Genesis 37:6-10).

Yet in spite of that very promising start, Joseph was soon confronted with problems. Real problems. He might have described them as "un-get-overable."

Sold into slavery by his own brothers (who actually intended to kill him)—falsely accused by his new owner's wife—cast into prison—forgotten in prison by the fellow prisoners he helped most.

Yet, when all was said and done, he was finally able to confront his brothers for putting him on the path to these tragedies.

He confronted them saying: "you meant it for evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20).

This godly and spiritual attitude that

Joseph proclaimed was more than lofty words. It was something that lived in his decisions and his relations with his brothers and their families.

Likewise, we would do well to keep this attitude in mind in our current Covid 19, political, economic, and yes, spiritual woes that beset Christians in our commitment to spread the gospel, especially in India.

I'm quite convinced that Satan means Covid for evil in this world, and that's very evident in the nation of India.

But regardless of Satan's intention, God means it for good. And when God means it for good, it shall be so!

- Covid has caused our brethren in India to become even more supportive of each other than before.
- Covid has caused many thousands of idol worshippers to realize that their service to the statues is utterly without value.
- Covid has caused many thousands in India to look to their own sin and for the forgiveness of that sin that only Jesus offers.
- Covid has caused many preachers to become more dependant on the local churches for succor in times of need.
- Likewise, Covid has caused many local churches to appreciate more deeply the commitment and sacrifices of their local evangelists.

Of course, I could speak for a long time on each of these situations, and if you'd like me to spend a little time with you talking about this, then by all means get in touch with me or with Rachel about scheduling a visit and report.

But in the mean time, let me encourage you to exercise the trust in God that Joseph exercised. I'm sure that there were many moments when Joseph's mind was crying "Oh, God, why me!?"

But in his spiritual maturity he finally grasped the truth: God meant it all for good.

God meant it for good then. He means it for good now. So let's be faithful, committed and thankful for the Lord's work in India where so many many hearts are being turned to the true and living God, as in 1 Thessalonians 1:9.

In closing, please let me thank you for your prayers, your deep generosity and your constant commitment to this inspiring work! I'm thankful that you're a part of it, and so are our Indian brethren!

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