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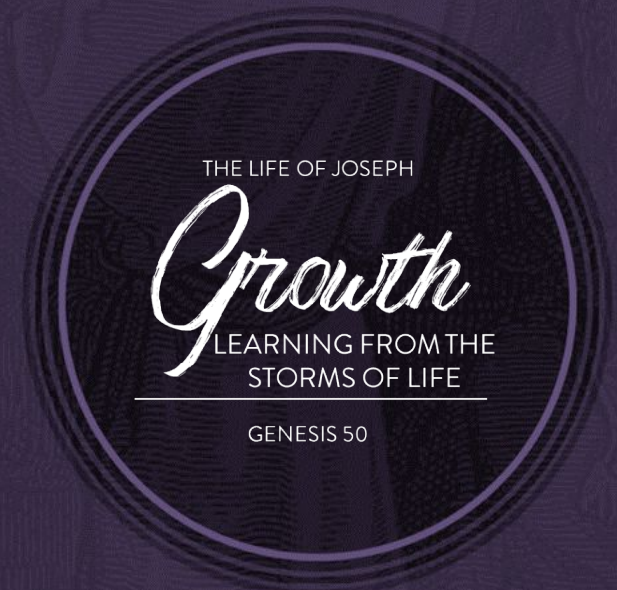
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Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

**[James 1:17]**



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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. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

**[Romans 8:28-29]**

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Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

**[Ephesians 4:31-32]**

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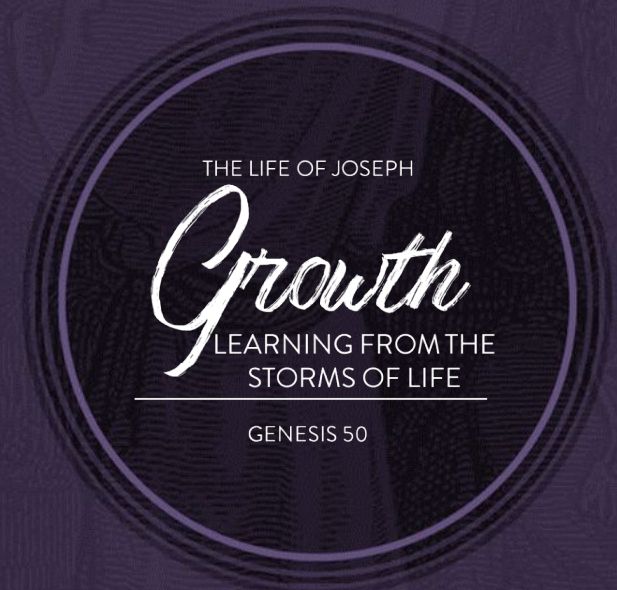
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Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**[Romans 5:3-5]**

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Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

**[1 Peter 2:11]**

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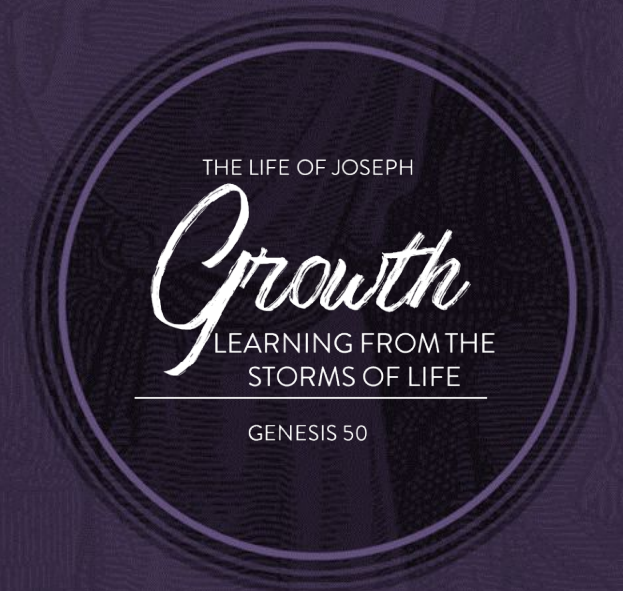
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But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through  
Him who loved us.

**[Romans 8:37]**



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“Perseverance is not one long race; it is many short races one after another. It is hanging in there for another day. Sometimes it is hour by hour, moment by moment”



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“Sympathy alone can’t alter facts, it can help to make them more bearable.”

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But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief; 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; 6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

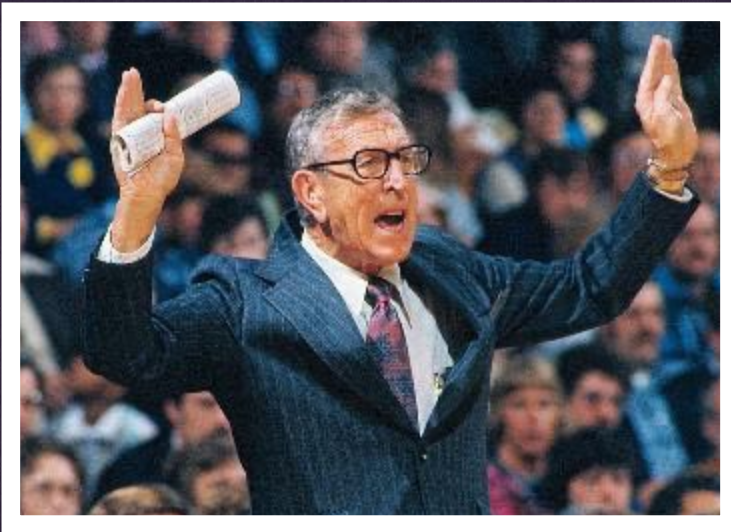
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Do not be in darkness, that the day should overtake you as if you were asleep; 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of the day; do not be in darkness, that the day should overtake you as if you were asleep; 6 so then do not be like others do, but let us be alert and sober. [1 Thessalonians 5:4-6]

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4 do not be in darkness, that the day should  
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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**[Galatians 6:14]**

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"And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.  
[**Genesis 50:20**]

