

WHO'S THEO? Part 7
"LARGE AND IN CHARGE!"
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What I think about God shapes my whole relationship with Him,
and what I believe He thinks about me
will determine how close I grow toward Him!

BIG IDEA:
God is SOVEREIGN!

A Divine Attribute: Whatever God has in any way revealed as being true of Himself, expressed in all that He does, without contradiction, harmonizing and blending into each other in the infinite essence of the Triune God. All that God IS agrees with all that He DOES!

God's SOVEREIGNTY: God is in control, and for reasons known only to Himself, nothing will ever enter my life that He does not either decree or allow for my ultimate good.

Joseph's story Genesis 37-50 (50:20), 15:1-2,
12:2-3

- Promised
- Beaten
- Enslaved
- Betrayed
- Imprisoned
- Forgotten
- Rewarded
- Promise Kept

CLUE: When life seems out of control, remain faithful not fearful, because GOD is in control!

What am I going through that feels hard, unfair, depressing, or impossible? What would it look like for me to stop fighting, stop resisting, stop complaining, and start trusting my SOVEREIGN Heavenly Father?

Does God hold the same place in my heart,
that he holds in heaven and in the universe?

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ENTRY POINT: Read any of the stories in Joseph's life (*Genesis 37-50*), and you will be reading the chronicles of a man who knew many forms of suffering and mistreatment. He was also a man who knew the Lord and recognized Him as Sovereign. From slavery to imprisonment to prime minister, Joseph's faithfulness to God was rewarded with ultimate good! His response to his circumstance was always, "What shall I do now?" instead of "Why me?" Begin your study by reading *Genesis 41*.

When have you found yourself in situations when you realized you had **no** control, except for the choice to surrender it (the circumstances) to God and let Him work it out? What happened?

In what current circumstances might you ask of the Lord, "What shall I do now?" How prepared are you to listen for the answer and trust His direction?

Joseph's faithfulness to God was rewarded with years in prison. When have you suffered and seen it result in good? How *aware* are you of God's hand in the outcome of your circumstances?

We serve an all-knowing, all-powerful, benevolent God! How sure are you that nothing will come into your life today, tomorrow, or ever that He did not either allow *or* decree for your ultimate good?

*"...God turned into good
what you meant for evil."
Genesis 50:20a (NLT)*

*"And we know that God causes everything
to work together for the good of those who love God
and are called according to His purpose for them."
Romans 8:28 (NLT)*

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