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## When Your Pain Finds Purpose

Genesis 50:20

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### Isaiah 46:9-10

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“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust? If the whole show was bad and senseless from A to Z, so to speak, why did I, who was supposed to be part of the show, find myself in such violent reaction against it? A man feels wet when he falls into water, because man is not a water animal: a fish would not feel wet.” —C.S. Lewis

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“Consequently atheism turns out to be too simple. If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning: just as, if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark. Dark would be a word without meaning.” —C.S. Lewis

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“Time doesn’t heal anything... it teaches us how to live with the pain.”

“The marks humans leave are too often scars.”  
—John Green

“Life is pain, highness. Anyone who says differently is selling something.”  
—William Goldman

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## **Genesis 50:20**

### **1. The Problem With \_\_\_\_\_**

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• **Pain is rooted in the**

\_\_\_\_\_ and the  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the human.

## **Romans 8:20-23**

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• **Pain is often the result of our**

**own** \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
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• **Pain is our struggle to \_\_\_\_\_  
the mystery of God's \_\_\_\_\_  
in a messy world.**

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“The problem of reconciling human suffering with the existence of a God who loves, is only insoluble so long as we attach a trivial meaning to the word ‘love,’ and look on things as if man were the center of them. Man is not the center. God does not exist for the sake of man. Man does not exist for his own sake.

‘Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.’ We were made not primarily that we may love God (though we were made for that too), but that God may love us, that we may become the objects in which the divine love may rest ‘well pleased.’” —C.S. Lewis

• **Pain is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith.**

“We all know people who have been made much meaner and more irritable and more intolerable to live with by suffering: it is not right to say that all suffering perfects. It only perfects one type of person—the one who accepts the call of God in Christ Jesus.”

—Oswald Chambers

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• **Pain can come from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to our faith.**

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• **Pain doesn’t provide \_\_\_\_\_ to resolve our \_\_\_\_\_, but God gives \_\_\_\_\_ to sustain us with \_\_\_\_\_.**

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“the LORD was with Joseph”

Genesis 39:2-3, 5, 9, 21, 23

Genesis 41:16, 28, 32

## 2. The Peace of \_\_\_\_\_

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You “Meant” = Evil

God “Meant” = Good

“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

—C.S. Lewis

### Providence Offers Peace Through...

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Ephesians 6:10

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2 Corinthians 1:3-7

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2 Corinthians 12:7-9

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Romans 8:28

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## Revelation 21:4



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