

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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TITLE: Turn Your Adversity Into Victory

TEXT: Genesis 50:20; others as specified

BIG IDEA: To persevere through adversities, we must place our trust in the sovereign goodness of God.

INTRO:

- ***When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!***
- Adversity is a general term that includes trouble, affliction, opposition, pressure, chastening, anguish, testing, or tribulation that is greater than our ability to resolve.
- **Adversity can be our greatest motivation for spiritual growth or our deadliest means of discouragement.** The difference depends upon our understanding of God's purposes through adversity.
- **Persevere Through Suffering** [Magtiyaga Sa Pinagdaraan Na Pagdurusa] [V. 20a]
- “When the world told the caterpillar its life was over, the butterfly objected, “My life has just begun.” -Matshona Dhliwayo
- Here in Genesis is a man who found triumph in adversity; a man who made the best out of a bad situation. The man who pressed and pushed his way to destiny that could not be denied.
- **Place Your Trust In God's Sovereign Goodness.**
- [Ilagay Ang Iyong Tiwala Sa Dakilang Kabutihan Ng Diyos] [v.20b]

A. God has a sovereign purpose for us. Romans 8:28.

B. Reject the sin of bitterness toward God.

- Someone has said that trials will either make us better or make us bitter.
- The difference lies on our view of God. God is good...God is righteous...God does not change.
- Hebrews 12:14-15
- “Be like seeds; do not see dirt thrown at you as your enemy, but as ground to grow.” — Matshona Dhliwayo
- “A Beautiful Destiny Is The Product Of Ugly Adversities.” – Reggie T. Castaneda

III. Participate Tirelessly In God's Sovereign Plan

[Makilahok Ng Walang Kapaguran Sa Dakilang Plano ng Diyos] [v.50c]

A. Make the Best of the Situation.

B. Refuse to focus on the outward circumstances.

- It may be that God is...
 - **Trying to get our attention.** 1 Peter 1:7
 - **Assuring us of His love.** Heb. 12:6

C. Maintain integrity.

“The adversity you encounter is the backside of the victory that you will discover!” -Reggie T. Castaneda

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CHALLENGE: **Adversity is not a bad thing, it's a God-thing!** God calls us to trust His all-powerful hand to bring good into whatever situation we are facing.

DISCUSSION:

- What have you learned from Genesis 50:20?
- How can you help turn your adversity into victory? Share.