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***Recap of 6/7/09:***

*1. Genesis 37-50 explain how it is that Israel came to be in bondage in Egypt and are the fulfillment of His prophecy to Abraham in Genesis 15:13-16.*

*2. The account of Joseph which occupies Genesis 37-50 illustrates the place of suffering in the life of the believer and shows that God uses His people in ways they often do not understand and with people they could not imagine. God is working all things together for our good and for His glory (Romans 8:28).*

*3. “What a marvelous comforting truth! God is in control of your life today. Trusting in that fact can be the difference between joy and despair. Few truths can change our lives like the knowledge that God is in control.” (Life Application Bible)*

**“Success and Suffering”** (pt. 3)

**Genesis 36:1 – 37:36**

I. Why do the unrighteous prosper? 36:1-43

II. Why do the righteous suffer? 37:1-36

A. Introduction to Joseph 37:1,2

B. The place of suffering in the life of the believer

C. Jacob’s decision 37:3-4

D. Joseph’s dreams 37:5-11

E. Joseph’s downfall 37:12-36