

Daily Devotion For June 19, 2020

²⁰ As for you, **you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good** in order to bring about ^[o]this present result, to preserve many people alive. Genesis 50:20 (NASB)

Yesterday the two police officers in the killing of Rashard Brooks turned themselves in and face a long and uncertain road to a possible conviction. The death of Rashard Brooks follows on the heels of the killing of George Floyd on Memorial Day a few weeks earlier. The killing of George Floyd has sparked protest in the US and around the globe and seems to be affecting so many areas of our society. Companies that have traditionally used stereotypical images of African Americans such as Aunt Jemima, Uncle Ben's, Mrs. Butterworth, and Cream of Wheat are changing their branding. This week, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell encouraged football teams to sign Colin Kaepernick who 4 years ago knelt in protest during the national anthem to bring attention to the cause of racism in America. Congress is proposing new legislation on policing in America and these are but a few of the changes we see at work in our country.

We live in a fallen world where bad things happen and good people suffer. In the midst of this fallen world where evil and sin prevails, we do have a God who can bring about good through the most tragic of life's circumstances. Joseph was hated by his brothers, sold into slavery, falsely accused of rape by Potiphar's wife, imprisoned for years and yet rose to the heights of leadership in Egypt. Despite all the trials and tribulations that Joseph endured, God used those circumstances to save the lives of his family members and the nations of Egypt and Israel.

Thought For Today: How can God bring about good out of evil? Are you trusting God to bring about good out of the bad situations you find yourself in?

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that God will bring about good through the tragic taking of lives in our country due to social injustice and racial inequality. Continue to add this week's prayer fuel to your daily prayers.