



# Beautiful – but can you see it all?

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I enjoy *Sunday Today with Willie Geist* (I’m old enough to remember his father) but I’m a little busy on Sunday mornings so I usually watch it on Sunday evening. A recent episode featured Dr. Steven Siegel, a psychiatry professor from the University of Southern California. The professor was asked if people would ever feel safe working in large groups again. And the good doctor said,

**“If we can move forward and people can remember gratitude, learn more flexibility and be open-minded to new possibilities that didn’t exist before, then they will not only have survived Covid but they will come out of it better and stronger than they would have been.”**

I had to listen four times in order to get it written down. It’s not every day that you hear a psychiatrist presenting God’s point of view.

My first thought was Isaiah 43:19, *“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”* But upon further reflection I decided the “Joseph Principle” was more appropriate. (If you’ve ever participated in a Bible Study with me, you know where this is going.) When Joseph, (second to the Pharaoh in Egypt) stood before his brothers (who had sold him into slavery) as they begged for relief from a great famine, he told them who he was and watched as they trembled in fear at what they expected to happen next. And what they were expecting was NOT GOOD. But Joseph said, *“Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good....”* (Genesis 50:20). I’ve heard other pastors reference the “Joseph Principle” this week as they remembered the life and death of George Floyd.

God can take the worst of our circumstances and bring us through. Even if we feel only pain, and loss, and fear, and anger – God can bring healing, and hope, and reconciliation, and peace. You just need eyes that “SEE.” aaahhhh.....

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The gorgeous pink flowers above, are growing from a cactus.

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Those who have lost their job  
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Our country  
The world  
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