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**21 Day Fast**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016**  
**Matthew 6:16 – 17 “And when you fast... your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.”**

**21-DAY FAST Devotional #3 – NOT SEEING CLEARLY?**

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The past two days we have talked about connecting and depending on God, but that is easier said than done. I'm sure when Joseph was thrown into the pit, sold into slavery, thrown into prison, etc. there were probably times that he wondered what God was doing. I'm sure things looked pretty uncertain. It wasn't until the end, after he had learned to depend on God (Connect), win within (Character), win with others (Community), and win results (Competence), that he was able to look back and say with certainty "**What you meant for evil, God meant for good!**" During these "learning times" things can get pretty blurry and it's difficult to trust that God is still God and He is still ultimately in control!

A few years ago I was on a trip to a big city. We had arrived late at night so in the morning was the first time I was able to look out and see the layout of the land. As I looked out of the hotel window without my glasses on I marveled at the mountains. I decided to put my glasses on so I could take it all in and realized there were no mountains out there at all, it was smog. As unpleasant as the smog was it was a very important lesson to me and a reminder of **I Corinthians 13:12 (NLT) Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity.**

Today you may be looking around and things seem somewhat bleak. Let me encourage you that we don't see the entire picture the way God does. Learn to depend on God in the uncertainty of life.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)** says, **Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.** When you are tempted to trust in what you see, depend on God, trust Him. One day, and it will be sooner than you realize, you will be able to look back and say "*What was meant for evil, God used for good.*"

**Challenge Questions for today:** When have you been tempted to give up because you couldn't see clearly what God had in store for you? Ask God to forgive you for not depending/trusting in Him!

**Verse for today: Genesis 50:20 (NLT)** You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

**Prayer for this week:** Dear Jesus, I ask that you will help me to fully depend on you in ALL things! Help me during this 21-day fast to learn to live a Home Run life! I pray not only for myself, but for my church, the staff, the elders, and all the attendees that we will sharpen our vision in 2016 to know Your desires, Your heart, and Your will. Help PFWC to depend on you in ALL things. Change my heart, change my home, change my church and let it begin with me!