

Parshas Vayigash

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In this week's Parsha (45,8), *Yosef* tells his brothers – don't feel bad that you sold me because *Hashem* sent me here and I'm the ruler of Egypt. It wasn't you, it was only *Hashem*!

The *Seforno* comments that *Yosef* was saying – when you see the goal of *Hashem* that wouldn't have been reached without these causes, certainly it was all done with the will of *Hashem* to bring about that lofty goal of making me the viceroy of all of Egypt.

It's difficult to understand what *Yosef* is saying. That wasn't how he needed to go down to Egypt to get the food, there are many messengers that *Hashem* could have used! If someone tries to hurt someone else, and fails, and he indirectly causes him amazing benefit, the person still shouldn't have done what he did! *Hashem* runs the world!

It also seems that the *Yosef* was comforting the brothers on the wrong things. Who cares that he was now the viceroy of Egypt?! Don't the *shevatim* know that everything that happens is for the best? Why don't they comfort themselves with that?

So we have to say that we know that everything that *Hashem* does it for the best, and certainly the *Shevatim* knew that! *Yosef* was pointing out to the brothers that what the brother did had these great results. Every bit of pain and suffering is the best thing that can happen to that person. But it is still very hard to forgive someone for doing something wrong to you. The things that we actually **see** are the most impacting! *Yosef* wanted to reassure the brothers that he was able to **see** that this was the best way for himself for his personal failings (as *Rashi* explains in this *Parsha* that the trials and tribulations that *Yosef* suffered were all a result of *Yosef's* shortcomings - measure for measure) and there were even tangible results.

We see from *Yosef* that the best way to see *Hashem* is to look at tangible things. We ourselves know that everything that happens to us is for the best, and our *nisyonos* make people better. But it isn't always easy to see that, especially during the time of pain and suffering. The *shevatim* show us that this isn't a lack of faith in *Hashem*. We need to look for tangible benefits if you want to see the *Yad HaShem* (the hand of *Hashem*) in our day-to-day lives.