May 24, 2011 Charles Stanley's Life Principle #18 As children of a sovereign God, we are never victims of our circumstances.

PRAYER FOCUS: _____

Victim or Victor

God's ways are not necessarily our ways. As a sovereign God, He knows what is best, even through trials.

Read Genesis 50:20. What did Joseph tell his brothers about their own evil intents?

He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. Romans 8:27-28 (The Message)

A Sovereign God

Sovereign: A person exercising supreme authority.

God is always in control and allows all circumstances. What do these verses tell us in regards to God being in control?

Psalm 103:19

Psalm 135:6

Proverbs 21:1

Colossians 1:15-17

As you think of the evil in the world today, how do you feel about God allowing it to happen?

We should never give up because God's sovereignty gives us strength to endure during hard times.

God is in control and will never give up on us. Read Deuteronomy 31:6. What does the Lord request of us in this verse?

What does He promise us in this verse?

How does this verse comfort you and give you strength to endure?

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 (NIV)