

## Plan A

### **Intro Video:**

We tend to be  
open theists (you can change but God is not in control)  
Or fatalists - (you cant change but God is in control)  
both are hopeless

### **Problem:**

Matt 26:24 (free will and sovereignty)  
Judas was free and responsible - yet God was totally in control...  
We tend to be either  
how does it possibly fit together?  
Turn to Gen 50:15-21

### **Main Idea:**

The fallen will of Man  
Is compatible with the Sovereign will of God  
For our good

### **Implication:**

And His glory

### **Application:**

The everlasting gospel is not plan B  
Grace began before you were born -

### **Outro video:**

Force of grace

### **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/libertarian.html>

<http://www.barabbas.com/messages/compatibilism/>

[https://www.barabbas.com/wp-content/notes/compatibilism\\_john\\_11\\_45\\_57.pdf](https://www.barabbas.com/wp-content/notes/compatibilism_john_11_45_57.pdf)

<https://pjcockrell.wordpress.com/2018/05/10/how-does-gods-sovereignty-not-violate-our-decision-making/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/compatibilism.html>

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Text:

### The fallen will of Man

Gen. 50:15 ¶ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "**It may be** that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all **the evil that we did** to him."

Gen. 50:16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died:

Gen. 50:17 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because **they did evil** to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."

### Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Gen. 50:18 His brothers also **came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."**

Matt 7:15-20 (libertarian free will is false - free will defined)

Eph 2:1-3 (we are free limited by our nature)

Rom 7:24-8:2 (saved from our fallen will)

Rom 6:5-23 (possess two natures)

1 John 3:9 (limited by our new nature)

James 1:13-14 (God and man both limited but free - fatalism false)

Gen 37:5-11 (yet thankfully...open theism is false- God is still in control)

### Is compatible with the Sovereign will of God

Gen. 50:19 But Joseph said to them, "**Do not fear**, for am I in the place of God?

Gen. 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, **but God meant it for good**, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

*gen 45:5-8 (Compatibilism God meant -wanted, planned- good - opposite what we did yet...)*

*Acts 7:9 (but God - His sovereign will is compatible with Man's fallen will)*

*Ex 4:21 -> 8:15 (compatible with Pharaoh)*

*2 sam 24:1 -> 1 Chron 21:1 (compatible with satan)*

*Acts 2:23 (The free and fallen will of man is compatible with the free and sovereign will of God to accomplish the sovereign purpose of God...)*

### For our good

Gen. 50:21 **So do not fear**; I will provide for you and your little ones." **Thus he comforted them** and spoke kindly to them.

*Rom 8:28-32 (for our good)*

*1 Jn 4:16-19 (comfort in His love - His perfect/complete, sovereign love - not ours)*

### And His glory

*Rev 14:6-7 (everlasting gospel- you will never understand God's grace until you understand it was in motion before you were born)*

*Rev 13:8 (is not plan B-> it was the force of sovereign grace that brought*

*Joseph into Egypt, into slavery, into royalty*

*Israel into provision*

*Jesus to a cross*

*you to this moment*