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Diarei Menachem

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Our Parsha describes Yosef's journey to seek out his brothers at the bequest of his father Yaakov. Altogether a puzzle because Yosef's brothers hated him; because Yaakov clearly knew that he was sending his favorite son into a hornet's nest - towards Shechem of renowned infamy, towards Dotan meaning "trouble"; and because Yaakov could have sent his servants to check on his sons...

So what is really happening? In reality, Hashem has a plan, anchored in Brit Bein HaBetarim - a covenant indicating that Avraham's descendants would go into exile (where they would be refined like metal and purified to become G-d's chosen people).

Consider the possibility that Yaakov's Rua'ach HaKodesh propelled these events. And that the brother's jealousy of Yosef facilitated the saga. And that the hand of Hashem intervened when Yosef "happened" upon a "man" to guide him after losing his way.

Yes, the world works in mysterious ways. Most surely, however, there is an interaction between our daily actions (anchored in free will) and Hashgacha, (the guiding hand of G-d), towards the fulfillment of the ongoing Divine plan.