

Mark Driscoll says “god rules over everything and ultimately works everything out as he desires.”

God’s providence is the invisible hand of God working as much as miracles are the visible hand of God.

So lets start reading in chapter 39 of Genesis here:

I. God is with us in our success

1. Joseph ended up in Potiphar’s house-God’s Providence Verse 1
2. God blesses Joseph, Potiphar put’s him in charge of the whole household V. 2-4
3. God blesses Potiphar *For Joseph’s sake.* V. 5-6

II. God is with us in our temptation

1. It started with her eyes V. 6-7

Matthew 6:22-23 The eye is the lamp of the body so if your eye is healthy, your howl body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

**93% of boys and 62% of girls are exposed to internet porn before the age of 18
70% of boys have spent MORE than 30 minutes viewing porn at least once
35% of boys have done this more than ten times
23% of girls have spent MORE than 30 minutes viewing porn at least once
14% of girls have done this more than ten times**

2. Joseph continually refused her temptation V. 8-10
3. Joseph’s response-RUN V. 11-12

-John Piper: to be caught in secret sin is a horrible thing, there is only one thing worse-not to be caught

4. Potiphar’s wife sins against Joseph and lies V. 13-18

III. God is with us in our trials

1. Potiphar believes his wife and throws Joseph into the King’s prison V. 19-20
2. The Lord was with Joseph V. 21

1. **God is not overlooking some of the details in your life**
2. **God is orchestrating all the details in your life**

3. Joseph is promoted within the prison V. 22-23

There are parallels today to the story of Joseph and the story of Jesus. As we saw with Joseph God uses a dreadful sin to preserve his people-the brothers meant selling Joseph into slavery for evil and God used it for good. With Jesus, God uses the dreadful sin of crucifying Jesus on a cross to save his people for all eternity.