

The Lord Was With Joseph

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Big Idea

- God is with Joseph before Joseph sees where God is going.
- God shapes character before giving responsibility.
- Faithfulness matters even when the outcome is unseen.
- God's plan is bigger than Joseph's circumstances.

Genesis 39:1–6 — The Lord Was With Joseph

- Joseph is a slave—but the LORD is with him.
- Faithfulness begins in an unwanted assignment.
- Joseph becomes trustworthy with responsibility.
- Leadership begins with service.

Genesis 39:2 — “The LORD was with Joseph.”

Joseph's Leadership Begins in Service

- Responsibility
- Stewardship
- Trustworthiness
- Diligence
- Faithfulness without recognition

Genesis 39:7–23 — Faithfulness Under Temptation

- Joseph refuses Potiphar's wife. His reason: "How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"
- Doing what is right brings suffering rather than immediate reward.
- Joseph is falsely accused and imprisoned.

“Rinse and Repeat”

- Joseph’s circumstances get worse.
- God’s presence does not disappear.
- The LORD is with Joseph in prison.
- God’s presence ≠ an easy life.

Genesis 39:21 — “But the LORD was with Joseph.”

Genesis 40:1–23 — Leadership in Prison

- Joseph notices the needs of others.
- He asks why Pharaoh's officials are troubled.
- He gives God the glory for interpretation.
- He serves faithfully while still waiting.

Genesis 40:8 — "Do not interpretations belong to God?"

What God Is Molding in Joseph

- Faithfulness before authority
- Stewardship before administration
- Integrity before influence
- Service before leadership
- Dependence on God before public success
- Patience before promotion

The Pain of Being Forgotten

- Joseph interprets the cupbearer's dream correctly.
- The cupbearer is restored.
- But Joseph is forgotten.
- God's preparation continues even when nothing seems to change.

Discussion

- Where do we confuse God's presence with comfortable circumstances?
- What qualities is God forming in us?
- How can waiting become part of faithful discipleship?
- How does Christ give us confidence when we cannot see God's plan?

Wrapping it up

- Serve faithfully where God has placed you.
- Resist sin because you belong to God.
- Use your gifts to serve others.
- Give God the glory.
- Remain faithful when overlooked.
- Trust God's timing.

Questions for us all

- What is God preparing me for?
- How is God calling me to be faithful today?”

Takeaway

God may be preparing us for what we cannot yet see, but He calls us to trust His presence and remain faithful in what He has placed before us.