



SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 39:19-23

“So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, “Your servant did to me after this manner,” that his anger was aroused. Then Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king’s prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph’s authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.”
(Genesis 39:19–23, NKJV)



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ENDURING SEASONS
OF STRUGGLE

ENCOUNTER GOD



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ENDURING SEASONS OF STRUGGLE

5 FACTS ABOUT JOSEPH

- **Joseph was Jacob's favorite son.** He was the eleventh son of Jacob and the first son of Rachel (Gen. 30:24; 33:2, 7; 37:3).

FAVORITISM _____ FAMILIES.

- **Joseph was a source of controversy.** His dreams and favored status created problems amongst his brothers (Gen. 37:2-11).

THERE IS A TIME TO _____ AND
A TIME TO KEEP _____ (ECC. 3:7).

- **Joseph was betrayed and sold into slavery.** His brothers sold him to traders and he ended up in Egypt (Gen. 37:23-28).

SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE _____ TO YOU
ARE THE ONES WHO HURT YOU THE MOST.

- **Joseph remained faithful in a foreign land.** He resisted temptation and endured hardship (Gen. 37:2; 39:6-23; 41:46).

INTEGRITY ISN'T TIED TO _____ OR CIRCUMSTANCES.

- **Joseph used his power to save lives.** He went from prisoner to second-in-command during a famine (Gen. 41:37-45; 45:4-8).

YOUR STORY CAN SERVE A _____ PURPOSE.

5 LESSONS FROM JOSEPH

"YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HEAR GOD'S
_____ TO TRUST HIS HAND."

- We never read where God spoke directly to Joseph, but that "The Lord was with Joseph" (Gen. 39:2, 21, 23).

"CHARACTER IS _____ WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING."

- Joseph did what was right and resisted temptation when put in an difficult situation (Gen. 39:6-12)

"GOD TURNS _____ INTO STEPPING STONES."

- Joseph's life in the pit and the dungeon were part of a greater plan (Gen. 37:24; 41:14; 45:5-8; 50:20).

"_____ SETS YOU FREE."

- Joseph forgave and restored the very people who betrayed him (Gen. 45:1-15; 50:15-21)

"JOSEPH POINTS US TO _____."

- Joseph points to a greater Joseph who is rejected, betrayed, exalted, and ready to save (Gen. 45:7).

THE MYSTERIOUS MAN IN THE FIELD

This scene of Yoseph encountering a random man in the field is not random at all. If it were not for this man, Yoseph would not have found his brothers, and he would not have been kidnapped, sold as a slave, and taken to Egypt. Without going to Egypt, Yoseph would not have been discovered by Pharaoh and elevated as ruler of Egypt able to save his family from the famine. If Yoseph had not met this man, he and his entire family would have died in the famine. (The Bible Project Notes: Joseph.)