

Title: Lessons from Potiphar's House: Power, Favor and You

Scripture: Genesis 39:1-20 NIV

**Introduction:**

First introduced to this series we were asked 3 questions?

Purpose:

Why am I here?

Who am I here for?

Rick Warren 50 million copies published (*Can we find a picture of him?*)

The question and answer for purpose involves YOU. When looking at these questions they examine you, when looking at the answer you have to be focused and not looking at others

Distractions will come to take you away from purpose

Joseph has a dream, that he would have attention upon him and resources. (Gen. 37:5-11)

Joseph after having been sold into slavery is brought to Potiphar's house: This is still training ground for Joseph as He later becomes in the palace 2nd in command

Going through the chapter we can see favor upon Joseph's life and he has the power along with this favor that adds to his attraction. One thing to be attractive but to have favor and power puts you over the top

**Number 1**

Let's look at power /**How is power properly handled?**

(Genesis 39:9)

Potiphar placed everything HE OWNED under the hand of Joseph, in his charge! And charge here is the word for authority (in charge) . Remember when your parents left you in charge/ or you were left to babysit/ watch younger siblings, relatives. They went out and you left at home alone! (Home Alone Picture)

**Power has the effect to go to your head and make one to pride themselves on what one has authority/command/final say so over**

This power that Joseph is left with is a charge over everything in Potiphar's house. Save his wife and food he ate.

(39:2-5)

**Hebrew word here for in charge is hand: everything was placed in the hand of Joseph, verse 4 entrusted to his care, as an attendant. He had his hand over the household affairs, business ownership of Potiphar's house**

Second in command like a Vice president, prime minister or chancellor, everything Joseph says is as good as done according to Potiphar

Where was his hand supposed to be? What he had control over is where his hand was. Watch what your control is over because that is where your hand will be. You are a part of what you have control over.

He was overall EXCEPT two places Potiphar's wife and the food he ate.

Wisdom knows that being obedient/committed to the agenda of God makes for ideal leadership (comm) . And even though he is in power, he must first be able to rule himself (comm)

Beyond the seen and the behind the scenes the strength to bring the out the good there is safety in that

## **Number 2**

**What does it mean to have favor?**

**Note-** Connection with someone in position of authority or power, to gain access to what that authority figure has

**Favor in Hebrew is grace /Potiphar gave Joseph that favor in his household (God gave assistance to Joseph in a foreign land/people with the addition of power)**

Grace and kindness to Joseph, and know that this favor is not limited, but given to those who will realize their purpose and commit to the process to the promise

But this does not come without persecution or trial

(Gen. 39:13-15) Joseph cloak is ripped (37:23-24) his robe is ripped. Here in Potiphar's house his clothing is ripped

The clothing is interesting here, because both instances present evidence or representation of where Joseph was and what happens to him. Each time there is a story present, his brothers say hes dead. Potiphar's wife says he came to mock and ran

**People can lie on you, but how will you remain in and on purpose?!**

Conclusion:

**THE LORD IS WITH YOU!**

**Gen 39:2**

**2 The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.**

You do not walk your Pathways to purpose alone! God is walking with you, beside you and before you in your coming and your going , God is with you and God is for you

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