

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture

Trusted to Trapped

- 1. Read Genesis 39:1-6a.
 - a. What stands out to you about the phrase, "The Lord was with Joseph"? Have you ever experienced God's presence in a season or place you didn't want to be?
 - b. Verse 3 says even Potiphar (a pagan Egyptian) noticed that the Lord was with Joseph. What might it look like for others to genuinely notice God's presence in your life today?
 - c. What does Joseph's example teach us about the ripple effect of small acts of obedience? How is God's presence revealed in our lives through our faithfulness to him?
- 2. Read Genesis 39:6b-12.
 - a. Joseph said, "How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" What does that reveal about his view of accountability? How might that perspective protect us from sin?
 - b. Joseph could've played the victim card and given in to temptation. How do we often justify our sin through our pain and disappointment?
 - c. Why is it true that you can keep your cloak, or you can keep your character—but you probably can't keep both? Why must our character and integrity hold up in the dark?
- 3. Read Genesis 39:13-20a.
 - a. What does Joseph's obedience teach us about the cost of faithfulness? Have you ever done the right thing and still faced unfair consequences? How did you respond?
 - b. Why does God's version of favor not always look like our version of fairness? Why must our faith be based on who God is to us instead of what God does for us?
 - c. How has God used a past "prison" season—a place you didn't plan for—to prepare you for what's next?
- 4. Read Genesis 39:20b-23.
 - a. Why do you think Joseph continued to find God's favor regardless of his circumstances?
 - b. How does Joseph's story from Chapter 39 ultimately foreshadow the life of Jesus?
 - c. What situation right now do you need to remind yourself, "The Lord is with me"?

Next Week: Genesis 40:1-23 Reading Plan: Acts 15-19





