

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

4. JOSEPH: Carried by God

Genesis 39

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1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

2 The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a prosperous man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to be prosperous in his hand.

4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal caretaker; and he made him in charge over his house, and all that he owned he put in his hand.

5 It came about that from the time he made him in charge in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

6 So he left all he owned in Joseph's hand; and with him there he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

7 It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my hand.

9 "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has not withheld anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"

19 Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," his anger burned.

20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that all that was done there, he was responsible for it.

23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything and all that was under Joseph's hand because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to be prosperous.

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51 And Joseph named the first-born Manasseh, "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my trouble and my father's household." **1. Be F**

52 And he named the second Ephraim, "For," he said, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction." **2. Be F**