

**Message:** Joseph: Where is God When it All Goes Wrong

**Scripture:** Genesis 39-40

**LIFE IS GOOD = GOD IS NEAR.**

**LIFE IS NOT GOOD = GOD IS NOT NEAR.**

*"They become angry because they are called to do that which does not fit their needs. They begin to lose interest in God for they measure God by themselves and not themselves by God." St John of Cross*

*Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph – a beautiful robe.*

*But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.*

*One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. Genesis 37:3-5*

*When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was the captain for the guard for Pharaoh, the King of Egypt. Genesis 39:1*

*The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything that he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Genesis 39:2*

*Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. Come on sleep with me, she demanded. Genesis 39:7*

*But Joseph refused. Look he told her my master trusts me with everything in his entire household, no one has more authority than I do. He has held nothing back from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? Now look this. "It would be a great sin against God." Genesis 39:8-10*

*So he took Joseph and threw him into prison where the kings prisoners were held, and there he remained. But the Lord was with Joseph. And he showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite of the prison warden. Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. The Warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.*  
Genesis 39:20-23

*It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.* Genesis 43:5

*You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good.* Genesis 50:20