

Digging Deeper: Genesis 39

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Day 1

Read through and pray over Genesis 39

Genesis 39:1-2: Joseph has been sold into slavery by his own brothers and finds himself a slave to Potiphar who is an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh. Verse two however tells us that the Lord was with Joseph. In this drastic change of reality for Joseph who went from the protected favorite son to a nobody slave, we find out that he is not alone. The Lord was with Joseph. What an awesome and amazing thing to know. When we as believers go through hard times and traumatic events, The Lord is with us! Read Deuteronomy 31:6. Give thanks today knowing that the Lord is with you.

Day 2

Genesis 39:3-6: The Lord was with Joseph but he also gave him favor. Potiphar could see that the Lord was with Joseph. His work was blessed and his master benefited from the Lord being with Joseph. Is the presence of the Lord in your life evident to others around you? Does your employer benefit from the prosperous work of your hands as a good employee? Read this prayer from Moses in Psalm 90:17. Pray this prayer for your life and reflect on how the Lord's presence in your life should dictate your work ethic and be evident to others.

Day 3

Genesis 39:7: Potiphar's wife has now cast her eyes on Joseph. She then followed up with what her eyes were beholding and outright asked Joseph to sleep with her. This sinful request began in the eyes. What do you allow to be casted in your eyes? Read 1 John 2:15-17. Consider what temptations your eyes might behold whether it's tv, food, alcohol, or people. How can these temptations lead to sin in your life?

Day 4

Genesis 39:8-11: Let's consider how Joseph dealt with temptation. When Potiphar's wife first tempted Joseph he outright rejected her advance. Joseph explained that it would be wrong to disrespect his master and that it would be a sin against God. Potiphar's wife did not relent as her temptation continued. Joseph not only rejected her but he then began to avoid her in order to lessen the opportunity for temptation. But when temptation pursued Joseph with reckless abandon he had no choice but to flee. Read Proverbs 1:10 and James 1:12-17. Temptations from our own evil desires give birth to sin. How do you handle your temptations when they present? Do you reject them, avoid them, and run away when necessary? Pray now that you would take this approach when facing temptations.

Day 5

Genesis 39:12-22: Joseph has been faithful and yet he finds himself thrown in prison. But just as we learned in verse two the Lord was with him. The Lord continues to give favor to Joseph in prison. In every season, in every valley, and every mountain top, the Lord is with us. Take more time today to give God thanks and praise him for not only being with you but giving you favor!

Day 6

Genesis 39:1-22: Through the life of Joseph we can learn to trust God in our Detours. Along our path of following God and the journey he has for us there will be detours along the way. We can trust that no matter how far off the path the detour takes us, the Lord is with us and he will give us favor. Pray that you would trust God in your detours and remain faithful.