



Hope in Circumstances

Genesis 39



Genesis 39:

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 successful 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 prosper in



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his hand. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. 5 It came about that from the time he made him overseer 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.



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6 So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; 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.

Joseph's Journey to Egypt



Canaan

Mediterranean Sea

Nile Delta

Joseph sold to caravan

Nile

Potiphar & Pharaoh

Sinai

Egypt

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Broken stories:

- Sold into slavery:
 - Another betrayal of family - Ishmael
 - Loss of language, family, status
 - Joseph now has to work, not report
 - Is God in control of where you are?

God's Path

- Potiphar – captain of the bodyguard
- Of all the places in Egypt...
- 17 till he is 30
- God starts to work – “with him”
- Your blessing IN HIM!



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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 charge. 9 "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?" 10 As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her [or] be with her. 11 Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. 12 She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

- God's tools:
- Evil people sold him
- Evil woman falsely accuses him
- Cupbearer forgets him
- God is getting Joseph to the right place, at the right time, with the right heart



**HOW WE WALK WITH THE
BROKEN
SPEAKS LOUDER THAN HOW
WE SIT WITH THE GREAT.**

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Alternatives?

- Bitterness
- Revenge
- Anger
- Depression
- Pride

Joseph's Training

- His relationship with God
- His nature and character
- From Potiphar's house steward
- He is sent to run the prison ...
- Where political prisoners were sent...



Potiphar's house:

Ge 39:1 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.

Ge 40:3 So he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the [same] place where Joseph was imprisoned.

Ge 40:4 The captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he took care of them; and they were in confinement for some time.

Ge 41:10 "Pharaoh was furious with his servants, and he put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, [both] me and the chief baker.

Ge 41:12 "Now a Hebrew youth [was] with us there, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard, and we related [them] to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. To each one he interpreted according to his [own] dream.

Lessons

- God uses your circumstances!
- The outcomes are His....
- Character and trust are built
- Opportunities if we work with Him
- Salvation for us and others

