

# JOSEPH

THE HIDDEN HAND OF GOD

Part 3: In the Face of Unjust  
Treatment”  
May 19th, 2024  
Genesis 39 (p.34)

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*Melodic Line of Genesis: Despite the failure of God’s covenant people,  
God’s purposes and plans will come to fulfilment, not through the  
faithfulness of others but through the faithfulness of God.*

**BIG IDEA:**

**Three moments in the life of Joseph where we see the presence of God and some lessons we can learn from our own walk with God:**

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II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

*What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):*

- 1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”*
- 2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share.*

*[Above from book Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member by 9Marks]*

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## MIDWEEK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon showed how Joseph's sufferings were like Jesus' sufferings. How does knowing Jesus experienced injustice and suffering give you hope when facing hard times?
2. The sermon said: "Without God's grace changing us, we can't properly overcome sin and temptation!" How have you experienced God's grace helping you fight against sin or temptation?
3. Even in prison, the warden put Joseph in charge because "the Lord was with him" (Genesis 39:21-23). When have you seen God's favor and blessing on your life, even in a difficult situation?
4. Even though Joseph was faithful, he still ended up in prison unfairly (Genesis 39:19-20). Have you ever felt mistreated or that life was unfair to you, even though you were trying to follow God? How did you respond?

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## DIGGING DEEPER

Resources to help you think deeper about this week's Bible message. Recommended resources are not an endorsement of all the authors have said or written.

### Something to Read:

Be Authentic - Warren Wiersbe

Living in the Light of Inexhaustible Hope - Iain Duguid and Matthew S. Harmon

Joseph and the Gospel of Many Colors: Reading an Old Story in a New Way - Voddie Baucham

Overcoming Sin and Temptation - John Owen, ed. Kelly Kapic and Justin Taylor

### Something to Listen to:

The Lord was with Joseph - Joel Beeke (available on SermonAudio.com)

Behind a Frowning Providence - Brian Borgman (available on SermonAudio.com)

The Man God Uses (Genesis 39) - William Taylor (available from [www.st-helens.org.uk](http://www.st-helens.org.uk))

In Chains of Iron (Gen 39:1-40:23) - Dick Lucas (available from [www.st-helens.org.uk](http://www.st-helens.org.uk))

## NEXT WEEK

Joseph: The Hidden Hand of God #4 - Genesis 41