

# GENESIS 39:1-23

## JOSEPH: THE LORD WAS WITH HIM

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### GOD'S PRESENCE

We do not segment our lives, giving some time to God, some to our business or schooling, while keeping parts to ourselves. The idea is to give all of our lives in the presence of God, under the authority of God, and for the honor and glory of God. That is what the Christian life is all about. RC SPOUL

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:3-4)*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)*

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)*

*For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:5)*

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)*

### THE PRESENCE OF GOD: GOD'S PLAN

What happens when "God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life" doesn't seem to be working out?

JOSEPH'S STANDING WAS THREATENED BY INJUSTICE...

**BUT GOD WAS WITH HIM**

JOSEPH'S SECURITY WAS THREATENED BY SLAVERY AND IMPRISONMENT... **BUT GOD WAS WITH HIM**

JOSEPH'S SUCCESS WAS THREATENED BY CIRCUMSTANCES... **BUT GOD WAS WITH HIM**

**THE PLAN OF GOD FOR HIS PEOPLE IS WRAPPED UP IN HIS PRESENCE...**

### THE PRESENCE OF GOD: GOD'S PROVISION

What was God providing by His presence?

GOD PROVIDED JOSEPH WITH HIS GOOD GRACE TO ENDURE HARDSHIP... NOT BY HIS OWN STRENGTH

GOD PROVIDED JOSEPH WITH A GOOD WITNESS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS. GOD'S LOVE IS STEADFAST

GOD PROVIDED JOSEPH WITH A GOOD TESTIMONY OF HIS OWN FAITHFULNESS. GOD'S BLESSING BROUGHT FAVOR

GOD PROVIDED JOSEPH WITH A GOOD DESIRE TO BELIEVE AND OBEY... EVEN IN GREAT HARDSHIP

### THE PRESENCE OF GOD: JOSEPH'S DESIRE

What gave Joseph the ability to endure hardship and temptation?

**JOSEPH RESISTED TEMPTATION WITH PROVISION FROM GOD:**

- A NEW/ TRANSFORMED/ DIFFERENT HEART :  
TO DESIRE THE THINGS OF GOD MORE THAN SECURITY AND SUCCESS
- A NEW/ TRANSFORMED/ DIFFERENT DESIRE :  
TO RESIST SIN BY DESIRING GOD MORE THAN EXPERIENCING PLEASURE OR AVOIDING PAIN.

**PART OF JOSEPH'S STORY WAS FACING AND RESISTING TEMPTATION - THE TEMPTATION TO SIN AND THE TEMPTATION TO DOUBT AND RESENT GOD.**

### THE PRESENCE OF GOD: GOD'S PROMISE

What is God's promise for believers today?

- JOY IN GOD'S PRESENCE (PSALM 16:11)
- HOPE IN GOD'S PRESENCE (PSALM 23:4)
- PURPOSE IN GOD'S PRESENCE (MATTHEW 28:18-20)
- ETERNITY IN GOD'S PRESENCE (REVELATION 21:3)
- ALL SECURED BY THE ONE WHO IS GOD WITH US, EMMANUEL!