

The LORD's Presence | Genesis 39

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Context: After a brief overview of the life of Judah (38), we pick back up on the story of Joseph whose lot now goes from bad to worse. In today's passage hard times keep coming. However, despite the difficulty in his life, there is one thing that remains constant and is the focal point of our sermon.

During dark times remember:

1. The _____ (2, 3, 5, 21, 23).

- LORD is used 7 times in the NIV

2. The LORD _____ (3, 23).

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- LORD gave him success in Potiphar's house and in prison (3, 23)

3. The LORD helps you _____ (6-20).

Four stages of temptation:

- I. Aspiration— "she took notice" (7)
- II. Solicitation—"lie with " (7)
- III. Invasion—"she caught him by the cloak" (12)
- IV. Destruction—"took him and put him in prison" (20)

During dark times remember...

Application Questions:

1. How does this passage point to Jesus Christ?
2. How does this passage help you if you're struggling?
3. How can you use this passage to help disciple others this week?
4. What is the Holy Spirit leading you to do?



Questions for Parents to use with their children:

- 1. Have you ever been blamed for something you did not do? How did that make you feel?**
- 2. Take a moment and read Genesis 39 out loud together.**
- 3. In verses 2-3, what did Potiphar notice about Joseph as he served his household? How many times in Genesis 39 does it mention the Lord's presence and blessing in Joseph's life?**
Answer: The Lord was with him and gave him success (verses 2-3). In the NIV, the LORD is used 7 times (verses 2, 3 {twice}, 5, 21 {twice}, and 23).
- 4. How is Joseph described in verse 6? What makes his response to Potiphar's wife unique? Who was he trying to honor in verses 8-10?**
Answer: Handsome and well-built (verse 6). God and Potiphar (verse 9).
- 5. How did Potiphar's wife react to Joseph's response in verses 10-19?**
Answer: She falsely accused him of wrongdoing against Potiphar (verse 16).
- 6. How did the Lord show His faithful love to Joseph when in prison in verse 22?**
Answer: The prison warden put Joseph in charge over all the prisoners and everything that happened in the prison (verse 22).
- 7. How does this passage point to Jesus?**
- 8. How does this passage apply to our lives?**