

## GAME CHANGERS

### The Power of His Presence

Genesis 37-50

**What would a person in my situation do if that person knew that God was with them?**

Joseph's life was a life of extremes.

- On the one hand he was extremely blessed

**Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.**

Genesis 37:3-4 NLT

- But he experienced extreme difficulty. Hated and rejected by his brothers he was sold into slavery.

**And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.**

Genesis 37:8b NLT

**When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.**

Genesis 39:1 NLT

- In the midst of the chaos of his life there is a phrase that is repeated throughout the account that we need to see as a guiding light, a place of hope, a foundation for Joseph's life.

**The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.**

Genesis 39:2 NLT

THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH . . .

**Potiphar noticed this and realized that the LORD was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.**

Genesis 39:3-4 NLT

We have a choice in life. We can succumb to the circumstances, be a slave of our situation, allow our circumstances to lead us and order our lives. Or we can remember that God is with us and we can live out our lives to honour him in that.

- Joseph is falsely accused of attempted rape and imprisoned.

**Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love.**

Genesis 39:19-20 NLT

We can easily let our circumstances be a god to us. We have this huge life battle. It is the battle with situations and the power we give them.

**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Isaiah 41:10 NIV

**The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."**

Zephaniah 3:17 NIV

**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.**

Psalms 23:4 NIV

**Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."**

Genesis 41:15-16 NLT

Joseph never fell for the line that my life is in Pharaoh's hands. It was always my life is in God's hands.

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