

## God With Us > Genesis 39:1-23

**39:1-6** *The Lord is with Joseph.* The temptation for all of us is to interpret hardship as either meaning that God is angry with us or that He has abandoned us. But here the opposite is true: God is with Joseph, even as he toils away in slavery.

**39:7-18** *Joseph trusts the Lord.* Yet, Joseph's trials are not over. Mrs. Potiphar takes a fancy to him and tries to seduce him. Joseph, rightly, refuses her advances. Yet, rather than being rewarded for his faithfulness, he winds up falsely accused and once more in trouble.

**39:19-23** *The Lord hasn't left Joseph.* The result is that Joseph ends up – if it were possible – even lower than before. He is in prison. Yet, again, we read that God is with him. The Lord is pleased with Joseph even if the people around him aren't.

**Context:** This chapter returns us to the story of Joseph, catching up with him while he is in Egypt. We are told of his service under Potiphar, which is who ended up being Joseph's master after his brothers sold him into slavery.

**Argument:** God's people must live for His pleasure and acceptance rather than for our fickle – and wicked – world's.

**Gospel:** As much as we are called to faithfulness, we still fail so often. But the good news is that Jesus has never sinned. He never failed, but was perfectly obedient to the Lord – even when that obedience was mocked by those around Him.

**Applications:** Whose words matter most to you – the world's or the Lord's? How will your actions show your thankfulness for Christ's obedience on your behalf?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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