

STUDY 2 - GOD WITH US - GENESIS 39

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Think of a time when having someone with you made a difficult situation easier. What difference did their presence make?

Observe and Reflect

Read Genesis 39

1. From Genesis 39, what does it actually look like for “the LORD to be with” Joseph? List the concrete ways this shows up in his life.
2. In verses 2–6, how is Joseph’s success described? In what ways is his success different from how we normally think about success? How does Joseph becoming a blessing to others connect with God’s promises to Abraham in Genesis 12?
3. In verses 7–10, what reasons does Joseph give for refusing Potiphar’s wife? What does this reveal about his relationship with God? How is this different from simply following rules?
4. What practical steps does Joseph take when temptation intensifies (vv. 10–12)? What does this teach us about how to respond to temptation in our own lives?
5. Joseph does the right thing, yet he suffers. What happens to him in verses 13–20? How does this challenge the idea that obedience to God always leads to immediate blessing?
6. In verses 21–23, how do we see that the LORD is still with Joseph? What is the same as earlier in the chapter, and what is different?
7. Joseph is faithful, suffers unjustly, and is later exalted. How does his story point forward to Jesus Christ? In what ways is Jesus similar to Joseph, and in what ways is he greater?

