

Genesis 39–41 Teaching Outline

“The Lord Was With Joseph”

- 1. Joseph in Potiphar’s House:** God’s presence did not remove hardship but brought purpose within it. Joseph was prospered even in slavery.
- 2. Joseph and Temptation:** Joseph resisted temptation by remembering his identity and God’s presence. He fled when necessary.
- 3. Joseph in Prison:** Even in false imprisonment, God’s favor remained and Joseph was entrusted with responsibility.
- 4. The Butler and Baker:** Joseph served others faithfully and pointed all interpretation back to God.
- 5. Pharaoh’s Dream:** Joseph interprets and advises wisely, showing both humility and leadership.
- 6. Joseph Exalted:** God elevates Joseph from prison to power, revealing His sovereign plan.
- 7. Prosperity Test:** Joseph honors God in success, naming his sons to reflect God’s faithfulness.
- 8. God’s Plan Revealed:** Looking back reveals how every painful step had purpose in God’s plan.

What Most People Miss

- The Lord being with Joseph did not mean an easy life.
- Running from temptation was a victory, not weakness.
- Joseph called sin what it was: wickedness against God.
- Prison was part of promotion, not a detour.
- Joseph cared about others even in suffering.
- He consistently gave God the credit.
- Dreams coming in pairs showed confirmation.
- Pharaoh recognized God’s Spirit in Joseph.
- Fruitfulness came in affliction first.
- The story only fully makes sense looking backward.