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Joseph”**

**Genesis 39**

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## **Genesis 39:1**

**1** Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

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**“...because of God’s blessing,  
Joseph obtains a position of  
honor (in Potiphar’s house).”**

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**Genesis 39:2-6a**

**2** The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. **3** When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, **4** Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

**5** From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. **6** So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate

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**“Though Joseph’s situation changed drastically, God’s relationship to him remained the same.”**

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**Genesis 39 6b-7**

**6b** Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, **7** and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!”

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**“This brief observation [in v. 6b] explains why Potiphar’s wife was drawn to him.”**

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## **Genesis 39:8-10**

**8** But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.

**9** No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.

How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” **10** And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

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**“Potiphar’s wife failed to seduce Joseph, who resisted this temptation by saying it would be a sin against God.”**

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## **Genesis 39:11-12**

**11** One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. **12** She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

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**“Joseph avoided Potiphar’s wife as much as possible. He refused her advances and finally ran from her.”**

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## **Genesis 39:13-18**

**13** When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, **14** she called her household servants. “Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed.

**15** When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.” **16** She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. **17** Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. **18** But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

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**“This term [Hebrew slave] was used by Potiphar's wife as a pejorative, intended to heap scorn upon someone considered definitely unworthy of any respect... Potiphar's wife also neatly shifted the blame onto her husband for having hired the Hebrew in the first place and stated this also before the the servants.”**

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## **Genesis 39:19-20a**

**19** When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger. **20** Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined.

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**“Though understandably angry, Potiphar put Joseph in the ‘house of the captain of the guard’-certainly not the worst prison available.”**

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## **Genesis 39:20b-23**

**20b** But while Joseph was there in the prison, **21** the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

**22** So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. **23** The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

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**“By echoing much of the language of vv.2-5, these verses imply that Joseph's experience in prison paralleled his earlier experience in Potiphar's house. Because of the Lord's presence with him, Joseph prospers.”**

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# Life Applications

- **God is sovereign over His creation**
- **Life isn't always "fair"**
- **God is always with us in good and bad times**

# Final Thoughts

## Romans 9:20

**20** But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’ ”

# Final Thoughts

## Acts 7:9-10a

**9** “Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him **10** and rescued him from all his troubles.