



## OVERCOME: ADVERSITY (Genesis 37:12-36)

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### Keys to overcoming adversity:

1. Prosperity is temporary - so be THANKFUL.

*"Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle." Proverbs 23:4-5*

2. Adversity is inevitable - so be PREPARED.

*"Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ will be persecuted." 2 Timothy 3:12*

*"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:3*

3. Effort is essential - so don't GIVE UP.

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9*

*"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised." Hebrews 10:36*

4. God is faithful - so you be FAITHFUL.

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. And when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. And when you walk through fire, you will not get burned." Isaiah 43:2*

*"And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." 1 Peter 5:10*

**TAKE AWAY:** You must learn to stay PURPOSE-centered instead of self-centered.

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