

## Living Life for God

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Genesis 39

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### I. The Story: Joseph Under God's Care

#### A. God is with Joseph 1-6

v2,3 emphasize God's Sovereignty

God is with Believers – know this, trust this!

2 Cor 1:20, Eph 2:5-6; John 14:3

#### B. Joseph knows this 6-18

not embittered neither should we: 1 Pet 4:19; 1 Cor 6:15

#### C. God remains with Joseph 19-23

So also is God with believers! Heb 13:5-6

### II. The Story in Context of Scripture

#### A. Joseph and Judah

Judah justly accused - represents the children of Israel in their sin.

Joseph unjustly accused - represents the children of Israel in their righteousness.

#### B. Joseph and Adam

Joseph - given all and didn't take more - passed

Adam – given all and took of fruit - failed

#### C. Joseph and Israel

J Prefigures Israel who goes down to Egypt and then is brought back to promised land.

### III. The Story: In Light of Christ

#### A. Christ - the real Joseph

rejected by brothers, persecuted, unjustly accused, suffers, and rises to provide salvation for brothers. In 1:12-13

#### B. Christ - the last Adam

2 Cor 5:21 - the great exchange!

Joseph was not perfect, but Christ was & is and He saves His own!

#### C. Christ – the true Israel

#### APPLICATIONS:

You can live pure in a morally corrupt world! But to do so you must Be extra cautious in situations where you are vulnerable:

- you are vulnerable when you are in different circumstances – especially ones where no one else will know (travel, internet, etc.)
- you are vulnerable when you are successful or attractive. V7 – wife took notice... success is attractive and others will tempt you
- you are vulnerable when you are emotionally needy: Joseph had to be lonely, missing his family, etc...

Make a commitment to moral purity in a fallen world – not to earn God's favor (you have that already if in Christ) – but to know fellowship with God

- Commit up-front to moral purity
- focus on your responsibilities, not your 'needs'
- Live 'corem-deo', how sin against God?
- Call sin, "sin", Use biblical terms, not 'euphemisms'
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