

The Abiding Love of God

Genesis 39

Context: Joseph had shared his dreams with his brothers only to be beaten by them and sold into slavery. Bought by Potiphar in Egypt, Joseph begins to work.

Because of the abiding love of God...

1. _____ hardships (vs. 1-6)

- A. Joseph had to endure relocation and slavery due to his brother's abuse. The passage tells us repeatedly that, "The Lord was with Joseph." (vs. 2, 3, 21, 23)
- B. The presence of God provides the Christian with contentment, whereby one can claim with Paul in Philippians 4:13 "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." (NLT)

2. _____ temptation (vs. 7-18)

- A. Joseph wasn't on the job long before Potiphar's wife began to tempt him to have adultery. Joseph declined every advance, knowing it would be a "great wickedness and sin against God." (Vs. 9)
- B. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV) No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

3. _____ success (vs. 19-23)

- A. Joseph had been beaten, sold into slavery, wrongly accused, and thrown into prison. Vs. 21 says, "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. Vs. 23 says, "because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed."
- B. Because of the victory of Christ, the Christian does not work towards success but from it. You have been graced with forgiveness, acceptance, and an abiding steadfast love.