

## God with Us

Genesis 39:1-6

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***“The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered,  
and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.” (vs.2)***

Joseph finds himself sold into slavery by his own brothers. He has a few options. He could try to run. He could wallow in self-pity just barely getting by. He could take his own life. We don't know if any of these options entered his mind, but we do know what Joseph decided to do. Joseph decided to depend on God. Joseph decided to give God his best even in a horrible situation. Joseph chose to live, work, and serve to honor and glorify his God. And in doing so, Joseph prospered. That doesn't mean he was wealthy or that everything was perfect (just wait till we get to next week's text). It didn't mean he got his freedom and all his troubles instantly wiped away. But, God was with Joseph and he was able to accomplish great things to include being the highest ranking servant in the house.

What strikes me as most beautiful about this text is the reminder that “the Lord is with us.” God is with us. What a powerful and mighty truth. Whether we walk in unspeakable tragedy or exultant joy today or somewhere in between, the Lord is with us. When we live and choose as a people who recognize God's presence in our lives then we too prosper. We accomplish great things for the glory of God and God's kingdom. Throughout this day keep telling and reminding yourself that God is with you and be filled with the comfort and hope of the presence of the Lord.