

WHERE IS GOD WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG?

Genesis 39:1-23
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INTRO:

Bad things come in threes

A. JOSEPH'S TRIALS

1. Uplifted but challenged
2. Unblemished but wronged
3. Upright but accused

B. JOSEPH'S TRIUMPH

1. Favor from God
2. Favor from Potiphar
3. Favor from the warden

C. JOSEPH'S TEACHABLE MOMENTS

1. We must be guarded during our promotions.
2. We must not be deceived by our persuasion.
3. We must not be gentle with our emotions.
4. We need discernment with the outcome of our situation.

CONCLUSION

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Icebreaker. Have you or someone you know was falsely accused of something but was absolved from wrongdoing?
2. How would you describe Joseph's character in Genesis 39. What qualities stand out to you and how can we emulate these qualities?
3. Read Genesis. How did Joseph respond when faced with temptation from Potiphar's wife? What are some practical strategies we can employ to resist temptation in our daily lives?
4. Read Genesis 39:2-3 and 21-23. The passage mentions God was with Joseph. How do you see God's presence manifesting in Joseph's life especially in difficult circumstances? Drawing from Joseph's story? How can we trust in God's presence during challenging times, drawing from Joseph's story?
5. Joseph faced unjust consequences despite doing the right thing. How can we navigate situations where doing the right thing doesn't seem to lead to positive outcomes? Discuss instances in your own life or in the world where situations like these happened?
6. How can we practically apply the lessons from Genesis 39 in our daily lives?

What steps can we take to cultivate the kind of character and faithfulness demonstrated by Joseph?
7. Close the Life Group meeting by praying to be faithful like Joseph in times when we feel everything goes wrong.