

# Succeeding in Spite of Your Circumstances

## How To Make Your Life Count - Part 3 of 4

Genesis 39:23 "... the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did."

### 1. JOSEPH'S CIRCUMSTANCES

#### \* **REJECTED** *at home*

"(His brothers) hated him so much they wouldn't speak to him in a friendly manner." Genesis 37:4 (GN)

<sup>21</sup> . . . "Let's not kill him," he said. <sup>22</sup> "Just throw him into this well in the wilderness, . . . Genesis 37:21-22 (TEV)

#### \* **HARASSMENT** *at work*

"After a while his master's wife began to desire Joseph and asked him to go to bed with her. He refused. . . But she asked day after day. . ." Genesis 39:7+10 (GN)

"That Hebrew slave tried to rape me!" Genesis 37:17 (LB)

#### \* **FORGOTTEN** *in prison*

". . . Please be kind enough to mention me to the king and help me get out of this prison. . . But the wine steward never gave Joseph another thought -- he forgot all about him." Genesis 40:14+23

### 2. JOSEPH'S CHARACTER

#### \* *Fulfill my* **RESPONSIBILITIES**

<sup>6</sup> So Potiphar gave Joseph the complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. He hadn't a worry in the world with Joseph there, . . . Genesis 39:6 (TLB)

*"The jailer soon handed over the entire prison administration to Joseph . . . and had no more worries after that, for Joseph took care of everything. . . " Genesis 39:22-23 (LB)*

*"Pharaoh said, 'Who could do a better job than Joseph? For he is a man who is obviously filled with the Spirit of God.'" Genesis 41:38 (LB)*

*"The person who is faithful in the little things will be faithful in big things, and the one who cheats in the little things will cheat in big things too." Luke 16:10 (Ph)*

### ***\* Maintain my INTEGRITY***

*"And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her." Genesis 39:10 (NIV)*

*". . . My master trusts me with everything in this entire household . . . How can I do such a wicked thing as this? It would be a great sin against God!" Genesis 39:8-9 (LB)*

*"Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil, but good people are protected by their integrity." Proverbs 14:32 (GN)*

### ***\* Trust GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY***

*"God sent me ahead of you . . . to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God." Genesis 45:7-8*

*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20*

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6*

*"But WHATEVER HAPPENS, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27 (Ph)*