



## FAITH THROUGH THE FIRE: GENESIS 37, 39-40

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<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. <sup>4</sup> When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. <sup>5</sup> Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, **they hated him all the more.** Genesis 37:3-5



<sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. Genesis 37:23-24

- Dreams shatter because of something done \_\_\_\_\_ us or \_\_\_\_\_ us or what's happening \_\_\_\_\_ us.

<sup>1</sup> Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD was with Joseph** so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. Genesis 39:1-2

- Myth: "If the Lord is with me, I won't have \_\_\_\_\_ or problems."

<sup>3</sup> When his master saw **that the LORD was with him** and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, <sup>4</sup> Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. Genesis 39:3-4

- You can't choose your crisis moments, but you can choose how you \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

<sup>6</sup> . . . Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, <sup>7</sup> and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

<sup>8</sup> But he refused . . . <sup>9</sup> How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" . . . <sup>19</sup> When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger.

<sup>20</sup> Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, <sup>21</sup> the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. Genesis 39: 6-9, 19-21

- The hardest time to do right is when you feel like you've been \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>14</sup> "But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. <sup>15</sup> I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon." . . . <sup>23</sup> The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Genesis 40:14-15, 23

- We must choose to put our faith first in who God \_\_\_\_\_ (His Identity) - not what He \_\_\_\_\_ (His Activity.)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28