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Character Profiles Series: Joseph Part Two

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START

Start your study by inviting God's presence to meet with you as you study His word.

MAIN VERSES

[Genesis 39](#)

OVERVIEW

In part two of this Character Profile series, we will look at how Joseph, the beloved, favored son of Jacob, ended up as a slave in Egypt. We will look his brothers betrayal and his alienation from everything he once knew. We will seek to see where God was in his story and Joseph's perseverance in his darkness. We will also discuss his ascension from a slave to one of the most powerful and influential persons in the inner circle of Pharaoh, King of Egypt, the super-power of the day. Join us in this journey of discovering the greatness of Joseph and the God he serves! We too will learn how to rise above our circumstances by trusting and following God's lead and directions!

CONTENT

[Read Genesis 39:1-6](#)

What accounts for Joseph's resilience and success in the midst of adversity?

God's providential care! God was orchestrating Joseph's circumstances. From Potiphar acquiring Joseph to Joseph gaining Potiphar's favor, God was at work raising up Joseph to accomplish his great plan of redemption. It was God's mysterious workings behind the scenes, that positioned Joseph for success. The apostle Paul puts it this way in Romans 8:28: *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

Read Genesis 39:6–12

How did Joseph guard himself from sexual temptation?

Joseph had self-imposed boundaries in place to protect his sexual purity. Note verse 10. He did his best to make sure that he was never alone with Potiphar's wife. This was probably extended to all woman who could pose a threat of sexual temptation to him. Men and women would be wise to consider this strategy in safeguarding their sexual dignity and sexual integrity. Sexual wholeness is worth safeguarding!

Read Genesis 39:13–33

How does Joseph endure all of this injustice?

By investing his hope and faith in God's providential care. He probably sensed God's hand in his life and circumstances. Surely he had bouts of doubt and even depression, but all of that was countered by his continual rise back into blessing and power in ways that could only be attributed to God's interventions. All of these were conditioning and shaping him for what role he would play in fulfilling the prophecies given to Abraham in Genesis 15:12–16.

TAKE ACTION

Take some devotional and prayer time to focus on God's purpose for your life and His providence to bring it about. Offer up to God your circumstances, anxieties, and worries. Allow God to do His work in your life and practice trusting Him with those circumstances. Rise above them and live by faith in God's providential care!