

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JOSEPH (PART TWO)**

*“Joseph was brought down to Egypt” – Genesis 39:1*

### **HIS NEW REALITY**

In Joseph’s mind, after his brother’s betrayal, the thought of his brothers must have elicited a range of emotions. Anger, sorrow and hopelessness took turns piercing his soul. Joseph was no longer the spoiled son of a doting father. He was a slave on the selling block in a foreign land (Genesis 39:1).

### **REASON FOR HOPE**

Yet, in what must have come to look like great fortune, Joseph was purchased by Potiphar, captain of the guard in Pharaoh’s service (Genesis 39:1). While serving in Potiphar’s household, Joseph prospered and was made overseer (Genesis 39:2, 4). Potiphar saw that every area put under Joseph’s charge went well (Genesis 39:3). He eventually put all he had under Joseph’s supervision (Genesis 39:4). His affairs prospered so much he did not even check Joseph’s books.

### **WHY JOSEPH ADVANCED**

It was clear to Potiphar that the Lord was with Joseph (Genesis 39:3). Joseph found grace in Potiphar’s house and must have received some comfort after the injustice he had experienced.

### **ANOTHER DARK DAY**

Yet, just as it appeared Joseph had found a new place for himself and could put the past behind him, Potiphar’s wife cast her wondering, lustful eyes on him (Genesis 39:7). She pursued him aggressively and let her desires be known (Genesis 39:7). When she saw Joseph would not betray his master, she bitterly grasped her chance and framed him with false accusations (Genesis 39:10-18). Potiphar had Joseph imprisoned that day (Genesis 39:20). Joseph had been crushed again by other’s envious acts. How low these events must have brought him. He was placed in the prison where the king’s prisoners were held (Genesis 39:20).

### **BUT GOD WAS STILL WITH HIM**

Because it was evident that God was with him, the keeper of the prison soon had Joseph running things (Genesis 39:21). God enabled him to correctly interpret Pharaoh’s out-of-favor butler and bakers dreams (Genesis 40:1-13). The butler received great news from his dream (Genesis 40:13). Joseph asked the butler to remember him when he was restored (Genesis 40:14-15). Two years later when Pharaoh was troubled by a dream the butler remembered his promise (Genesis 41:1-13). Joseph, languishing in prison for a crime he did not commit, that very day, that very special man found himself, interpreting Pharaoh’s dream and being made prime minister and paraded through the country he had come to as a slave (Genesis 41:14-44). It was a day of promotion that few can equal. No matter the trial you face Child of God, the Lord is with you. He will bring you to your special day.