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**Topic: The Life of Joseph (part 1): The Blessing of God's Presence**

Scripture Text: Genesis 39

1. Joseph was one with no glaring sin recorded in the bible. In Gen 39, the phrase which was repeated was "the Lord was with Joseph". Because the Lord was with Joseph, he could do many things and we can learn about what the Lord did through him. This promise of the Lord's presence is seen also in Joseph's ancestors and he is a child of the same covenant.
2. God will prosper our labour - Joseph became the head at Potiphar's household (v.2) because the Lord made what he did to prosper. Joseph was a man very useful and he exemplified good Christian conduct. He declares that his Master is Jehovah.
3. We can endure temptation - Next, Potiphar's wife tempted Joseph to lie with her but he refused and ran away. The temptation to compromise was strong but Joseph had a stronger conviction. He was not there to glorify the flesh but to serve God. Joseph lived for God alone and this should be our conviction. Daily Joseph would tell himself that God is with him and watching.
4. We can endure suffering - Joseph continued to trust in the Lord's presence and he was even found with favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. This testimony is something ingrained into his character. He continued to maintain a good Christian conduct.