

Joseph: experiencing
the God who rescues

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The Lord was with Joseph

Genesis 39-40

- **An identity rooted in a promise**
 - 'Hebrew'
 - 'Lord'
 - 'Blessing'
- **The Lord was with Joseph (v2, 3, 21, 23)**
- **A safe (successful) pair of hands (v2-6)**

●●Remember: the Lord is with his people, even in the worst of circumstances●●

●Faithful and God-honouring Joseph (v6-20)

●●Remember: obedience doesn't guarantee favour●●

●●Remember: God doesn't balance the scales in the 'here-and-now'●●

1 Samuel 2v30

●Never beyond the hand of God (v21-23)

Genesis 49v22-24

●God's providence

'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 8v28**

●●Remember: God is actively involved in your life—wherever you are●●

●The Lord's presence goes public (Chapter 40)

●When you are not remembered...

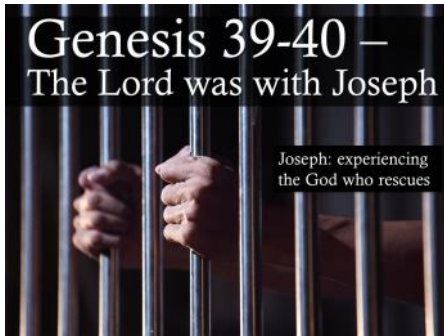
●●Remember: don't measure worth by the significance of your service●●

●God's purposes in all things

Conversation starter

What keeps us going when times are hard?

Growth group questions



You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. Read through the whole story of chapters 39-40 together, noting every time 'the Lord' or 'God' is referenced. How do you see Joseph's identity worked out in these chapters?
2. How is your 'identity' shaped in a similar way? Do you think of yourself in these ways often? Why/why not? How does God want to 'bless the nations' through you?
3. Joseph's integrity, reliability and effectiveness are very clear from this passage. Why is this? In what ways might we expect to be the same, or different?
4. Look at the 5 'Remember:' headings in the notes. Which of these do you find the hardest to trust and live out. Why?
5. Do you ever believe that knowing the Lord will lead to fairness, justice and honour in this life? Have you ever struggles to understand when it hasn't. What did you learn through that journey?
6. Read Romans 8v28-39. Consider how Joseph might have understood these truths. What difference do they make to you?
7. How do you cope with the idea that God uses 'frowning providences' to accomplish his work of redeeming us, and others?

Choose 1 challenge each from these verses and pray them for one another.