

IN IT, *WITH HIM*

GENESIS 39:1-23

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God’s presence **SUSTAINS** us in all things, (39:1-6a)

God was with Joseph v. 1-3      Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20

Joseph was with God v. 4-6a      Prov 3:3-4; 2 Corinthians 13:11



emboldens us to **FLEE** temptations, (39:6b-19)

run, Joe, ***RUN!*** v. 8-12      Psalm 119:11; Eph 6:11-12; Prov 4:14-15; 22:3; 1 Cor 10:13-14; 6:18; 1 Tim 6:11; James 4:7; 1 Pet 2:11

vengeful accusation v. 13-18      Isaiah 54:17; Luke 23:2; 1 Pet 2:12, 3:16-17; 2 Tim 3:12; Rev 12:10; Job 1:6-11; 2:1-5; Zechariah 3:1-2

and **REDEEMS** our trials. (39:20-23)

God was with Joseph v. 20-21      Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 139:7-8

faithful when we’re “in it” v. 22-23      Isaiah 43:2; Psalm 46:1

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# Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

## Welcome to Life Group!

### Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

*What's a time you had a big plan or dream that hit an unexpected snag, like a canceled trip or a delayed goal? Or that was just plain reversed on you?*

## Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- Read Genesis 39:1-23.** (Consider reading it from a translation like the NIV or a paraphrase like the Message to get a different feel of the narrative.) Then take some time to review your message notes. Looking back, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you this week? *Discuss it with your group before moving on.*
- How have you felt God’s presence sustaining you during a tough time, like Joseph did as a slave in a foreign land?
  - What does it look like to trust that God is with you, even when life doesn’t feel like a “win”? Maybe share a moment when you sensed God’s nearness despite challenges.
- Joseph ran from temptation when Potiphar’s wife tried to seduce him. What temptations in your life—maybe at work, online, or in relationships—feel hard to resist?
  - How can you practically “run” from them, like setting boundaries or seeking help? Think about one specific step you could take this week.
- We skipped over Genesis 38 and the story of Judah (Joseph’s older brother) and Tamar. It may seem out of place, but it actually is a key part of the Biblical narative, and there’s many similarities between Judah and Joseph’s encounters with temptation, and some huge differences! **Read Genesis**

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We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

If you call Wawasee Bible “home”, we challenge you to pursue three things:

1. Gather



Show up regularly and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, grow up spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much or more than you consume!

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week’s message.

Word Find: Isaiah 43:1-4 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup> But now **thus says** the **LORD**, he who **created** you, O **Jacob**, he who **formed** you, O **Israel**: “**Fear** not, for I have **redeemed** you; I have **called** you by **name**, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you **pass** through the **waters**, I will be with you; and through the **ivers**, they shall not **overwhelm** you; when you **walk** through **fire** you shall not be **burned**, and the **flame** shall not **consume** you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the **LORD** your God, the **Holy** One of **Israel**, your **Savior**. I **give Egypt** as your **ransom**, **Cush** and **Seba** in **exchange** for you. <sup>4</sup> **Because** you are **precious** in my **eyes**, and **honored**, and I **love** you, I **give** men in return for you, peoples in **exchange** for your life.

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38:1–30. Compare Judah’s interactions with Tamar and Joseph’s interactions with Potiphar’s wife. What are some similarities and differences?

Here’s a few to get you started...

- Both were separated from their brothers, though under different circumstances (38:1)
  - Both also faced sexual temptation, but they responded differently (39:7–12; 38:15–19).
  - Both Judah and Joseph’s brothers eventually bow down to them: to Joseph at the conclusion of his story (44:14), and metaphorically to Judah as Jacob blesses him (49:8).
  - Both stories demonstrate God’s sovereign work to save his people: God used Joseph to save his family from famine, whereas Judah and Tamar’s descendants became the forebears of Jesus, the Savior of the world.
5. When Joseph was falsely accused, it led to prison, yet he trusted God. Have you ever faced unfair criticism or slander for doing the right thing?
- **Look up Psalm 35:11 and 1 Peter 3:16–17.** How do these verses encourage you to respond when others wrongly accuse you?
6. God redeemed Joseph’s trials, using them for a bigger plan. **Look up Romans 8:28 and Philippians 1:12–14.** How do these show God turning hardships into something good?
- Can you think of a time God used a tough situation in your life for a greater purpose?

Taking it Home

7. In prison, Joseph stayed faithful, finding purpose even in a trial he didn’t understand. What trial are you “in” right now where the purpose feels unclear?
- How can you pray honestly, something like “God, this is awful, but how can I be faithful today?”
  - What helps you trust God when you can’t yet see the outcome? Share one way you might serve or trust God in the midst of a trial (maybe the one you’re in right now).

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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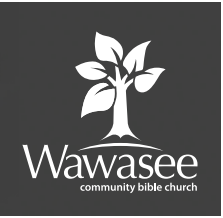
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