

JOSEPH
Life Force– PART 1
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Genesis 39:23

1. JOSEPH'S CIRCUMSTANCES.

■ **REJECTED AT HOME.**

“When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.” Genesis 37:4 (NIV)

■ **SEDUCED/SLANDERED AT WORK.**

“...Now Joseph was well built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, ‘Come to bed with me!’ ...And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.” Genesis 39:6b-7, 10 (NIV)

■ **FORGOTTEN IN PRISON**

“The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.” Genesis 40:23 (NIV)

“...the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.” Genesis 39:23 (NIV)

2. JOSEPH'S CHARACTER.

A. INTEGRITY

“So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't have a worry in the world, except to decide what he wanted to eat!” Genesis 39:6 (NLT)

“Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil deeds, but good people are protected by their integrity.” Proverbs 14:23 (TEV)

“How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” Genesis 39:9 (NIV)

B. FORTITUDE

“When his master heard the story his wife told him...he burned with anger. Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.” Genesis 39:19-20 (NIV)

“...But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; He showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.” Genesis 39:20b-21 (NIV)

C. TRUST

“I cannot do it,’ Joseph replied to Pharaoh, ‘but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.’” Genesis 41:16 (NIV)

“God sets Himself against the proud, but He shows favor to the humble.” James 4:6 (NLT)

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do and He will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)