

# And The Lord Was With Him

Gen. 39:21-23

## **Introduction**

- The immense value of Old Testament study. (I Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4)
- Genesis in summary: Four great events: creation, sin, flood, Babel; Four great men: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
  - Men with a particular description attached to them: Abraham, David, Joseph
- Joseph exemplified virtue, humility, wisdom and great faith. Needed role model for us today.

## **I. Joseph Submitted To Authority**

- Parental authority. (Gen. 37:2,12-17)
  - “Here am I.” (Gen. 37:13)
    - Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20-21
    - Prov. 29:15; Heb. 12:5ff
- Governmental authority. (Gen. 45:19-21; Rom. 13:1; Acts 5:29)
- Divine authority. (Gen. 39:9)
  - Col. 3:17; I Pet. 4:11; II Jn. 9
  - Jn. 12:48

## **II. Joseph Resisted Temptation**

- He steadfastly resisted the evil advances of Potiphar’s wife. (Gen. 39:1-12)
- Excuses Joseph could have made for sin:
  - I’m a young person. (Eccl. 12:1; Gal. 6:7-8)
  - I’ away from home. (Ps. 139)
  - Temptation is just too strong. (I Cor. 10:13; Js. 4:7)
  - Look at all I’ve been through, etc.
- Steadfastly refused to give into lust.
  - You are another man’s wife. (Gen. 39:9; Mk. 6:18; Heb. 13:4)
  - Great sin and wickedness against God. (Ps. 51:3-4; Heb. 4:12-13)
- The answer to temptation, the permissive and promiscuous society is seen in the life of Joseph:
  - II Tim. 2:2 → flee also youthful lusts; I Cor. 6:18 → flee fornication
  - Js. 4:7 → resist the devil;
  - I Pet. 2:19 →Remember the presence of God

## **III. Joseph Maintained Humility**

- In prison with the butler and baker. (Ch. 40)
  - Their dreams. Joseph’s humble reliance on God. (40:8)
- The Pharaoh’s dreams. (Ch. 41:16,25, 28, 32)
- Joseph faces two great tests:
  - Adversity: in prison did not become bitter.
  - Prosperity (41:39-46): not filled with pride.
    - Names of his children. (41:51-52)
    - Faith in God to accomplish his purpose. (Gen. 45:7-9)
    - He forgave. (45:5-10, 24; 50:15-21; Eph. 4:32; Lk. 23:34; Acts 2:38)