Genesis 39:1-2 *(NLT) When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. [2] The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.*

Genesis 39:20-21 *(NLT) So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. [21] But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.*

***We all know the story. Joseph was hated by his brothers so they sold him into slavery thinking that would be they end of Joseph. From Joseph's perspective it is hard to imagine what it must have been like to go from Dad's favorite son with all the privileges and wealth to shackles and chains. You can imagine the questions and doubts must have gone through his mind on that long walk to Egypt. That is why the verses in Genesis 39 are so startling. Joseph is sold as a slave and the next statement is *"The LORD was with Joseph"*. Then after Joseph did the right thing and ran from Potiphar's wife things go from bad to worse, from a being a slave to becoming a prisoner. Again it says *"the LORD was with Joseph"*. It also says God showed his faithful Love. To his credit Joseph NEVER gave up trusting in God. Joseph spent 13 years as a slave and a prisoner yet he kept on Trusting and Believing that God was Sovereign and in Control of all things.

PRAYER: Lord God thank You that no matter where I go or what I do You are with me. Help me to face every challenge, trial, temptation that comes with Firm and Steadfast Confidence in Your Power and Sovereignty.

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