**THE GOD WHO IS WITH YOU**

**(GENESIS 39 AND 40)**

1. **IN PROSPERITY (Gen.39:1-6)**

PERSPECTIVE of Joseph

Colossians 3:22-23 and James 1:16-17

1. **IN PERIL (Gen. 39:7-20)**

 First step: v.8 “But he refused”

 Second step: v.10 Joseph avoided contact

 Third step: v.11-12 Joseph fled!

1. **IN PRISON (Gen. 39:21-ch.40)**

FOCUS: (Gen.39:20-23)

 FAITHFUL (Gen.39:23-40:22)

 FORGOTTEN (Gen.20:23)

 **LESSONS IN PRISON:**

1. STOP trusting in men! (Isaiah 2:22 “Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he.”)
2. Allow disillusionment with man to turn you to the love and faithfulness of God. Men and women will forget you…JESUS will NEVER FORGET YOU! NEVER! Psalm 145:5-6 “Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them, the Lord Who remains faithful FOREVER.”
3. Learn to WAIT ON GOD to unlock the doors of your prison.(God changes us/and or circumstances!) Psalm 27:14 “Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord”!

**IS THE LORD TRULY “WITH YOU”?**

Isaiah 59:1-2 “Behold the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or His ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.”

HAVE YOU EVER REALIZED YOUR SINS SEPARATE YOU FROM GOD, WHO IS HOLY?

Romans 3:23 “For ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God’.

DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU CAN DO NOTHING TO MAKE UP FOR YOUR SINS, EVEN ONE SIN? ALL THE GOOD THINGS YOU MIGHT TRY AND DO CANNOT ATONE FOR THE SINS YOU HAVE COMMITTED?

Have you ever realized that God loves you, calls you to come to Him, and makes one way possible for that to happen? He gave His perfect Son Jesus Christ, Who had no sin of His own, to die in your place…that your sins can be fully dealt with and forgiven…and that you can come to Him…no longer being separated from Him? Have you ever trusted in Jesus Christ alone to make you right with Almighty God?

**IF YOU ARE TRULY SAVED, ARE YOU FIXED ON THE LORD WHO IS WITH YOU?...**How do we live each day, being focused on the Lord Alone?......WHETHER IN PROSPERITY, OR PERIL, OR IN PRISONS?

 By staying in His Word.

 By praying to Him.

 By asking Him to help you be His faithful follower!