

VANTAGE POINT

With God
Genesis 39

1. With God, we can remain hopeful in terrible circumstances.
2. With God, we can resist the pressure to compromise.
3. With God, we can persist in spite of setbacks.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. How do you feel about your current circumstances? Do you sense that God is “with you,” or do you sense that you are “on your own”? Explore these promises of God in Matthew 28:20 and Hebrews 13:5-6.
2. Read Genesis 39:2-6a. What do you see Joseph doing and what do you see God doing? Describe a tough life experience where you knew God was with you, and it gave you hope to do the right thing with the right attitude.
3. Read Genesis 39:6b-17. As a young man in his early 20s, what were the various pressures to compromise that Joseph was facing with this daily sexual harassment? After reading this account of Joseph, how would you answer someone who says “do the right thing and God will bless you!” See Luke 6:22-23.
4. Read Genesis 39:18-23. Why is it critical for believers to constantly cultivate a daily relationship with God? Share the ways you personally cultivate that relationship, and one additional way you can take it to the next level.

MEMORY VERSE

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:3-5