

GOD IN THIS MOMENT

Part 2: **Presence** and **Providence** -- Genesis 39

Joseph's season of SUCCESS	vs. 1-6
Joseph was ' taken ' and ' sold '	vs. 1
The Lord ' caused ' Joseph's success	vs. 2-6
God's MACRO and MICRO providence is at work	
Joseph's season of STRUGGLE	vs. 7-18
A LUSTFUL and MANIPULATIVE woman	vs. 7, 14, 16-17, 19
Joseph keeps his MORAL COMPASS	vs. 8-9
Moral CLARITY - ' <i>Great evil</i> ', ' <i>sin against God</i> '	
Joseph's SUCCESS within his STRUGGLE	vs. 19-23
Incarcerated with FELONS	vs. 20
God extends MERCY and GRACE	vs. 21
Joseph doesn't WASTE his struggles	vs. 22-23

Encouraging take-a-ways:

God is always **PRESENT**

His presence means: He offers His **POWER** and **MORAL** Strength

Keep pressing into God for his power and strength.

God's **PROVIDENCE** is working out His desired outcomes

His providence means: His **MACRO** and **MICRO** plan is advancing

Ask God to help you see His Providence at work

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Life Application Questions – April 19, 2026

Genesis 39:9 *There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"*

DISCOVER

1. Share of a time when you sized-up and labeled a person, maybe just on first impression, and then found out that you were completely wrong about them. When did you first realize that you could be wrong? Why do you think you were disposed to judge them that way? What life lessons did you learn from your error?
2. What are the differences between God's providence and God's blessing?
3. Have there been times in your life where you had to re-learn tough lessons? In what ways (if you're willing to share)? How is your confidence in that area today?
4. Reflect on a time when you felt God was speaking to you in the moment. How did you respond? How much time passed before His speaking to you was actually validated? If it took quite some time, what might you think was going on with your relationship with God?

EXPLORE (Read Genesis 39)

1. Why does common grace work to obscure God's providence? How does faith reveal the providence of God in the present?
2. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10. Why did the Lord call Samuel three times? Is this how the world responds to the Lord as well? How so? Was Samuel receptive to God's voice all three times even though he thought it was Eli calling him? Explain.
3. Re-read Gen. 39:7-18. Given Joseph's dysfunctional family life, explain how he might've gained such a "working morality" when tempted by Potiphar's wife? When and where did that righteousness take root (that "this would be a "great evil and sin against God)?" (see Exodus 20:12 and 2 Timothy 2:20-22)

EXPERIENCE

1. Be as honest as you can. What excites you more about God's providence in your life: that you see Him working in your life today or that you see Him using you for a much greater narrative of tomorrow? Explain.
2. When a friend is relating to you a current challenge in their life, what can you do to better see God's providence in their life so that they might be encouraged?
3. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus gives us, His disciples, our marching orders and concludes with "I am with you, always..." "Always" is an absolute. So, He is present 24/7. Why did Jesus have to remind us of this? Because of this fantastic promise that He is with us always in the "right now", how might we go about Kingdom work and making disciples with renewed boldness but humble confidence? (see Deuteronomy 31:6)
4. Identify the promise(s) in John 3:16. How is God's providential hand now fulfilling those promises in your life? Give praises for each promise fulfilled.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, we pray that You would give us this day our daily bread. All of our sustenance comes from You, even the providences from Your hand that we are oblivious to. We praise You for Your sovereignty and Your grace in our everyday lives. Amen.