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**What would we do if
we were absolutely
confident that God
was with us?**

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Genesis 37:3-4

“Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he had been born to him in his old age and he made a rich ornamented robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.”

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Genesis 37:23-24

“So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of the richly ornamented robe he was wearing and they took him and threw him in the cistern. The cistern was empty and there was no water in it.”

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The greatest of all
illusions is the
illusion of control.

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**God is most
powerfully present
even when he
seems to be most
apparently absent.**

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Genesis 39:1-2

“Joseph had been taken down to Egypt and Potipher an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

***The Lord was with Joseph** and he prospered and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.”*

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**Your response to
your shattered
dreams matters.**

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Joseph had been
stripped of his coat
but not his identity.

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Genesis 39:6-9

“So he left in Joseph’s care everything that he had. With Joseph in charge he did not concern himself with anything except the food that he ate. Now Joseph was well built and handsome and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, ‘Come to bed with me.’ But he refused.

‘With me in charge,’ he told her, ‘my master does not concern himself with anything in the house.

Everything that he owns he’s entrusted into my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except for you because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against my God.’”

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**Don't ever abandon
your God given
values in pursuit
of your God
given dreams.**

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Genesis 39:10-18

“Though she spoke to Joseph day after day and he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. One day he went into the house to attend to his duties and none of the household servants were inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, ‘Come to bed with me.’

But he left his cloak in her hands and ran out of the house. When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hands and run out of the house she called her household servants. 'Look,' she said to them, 'This Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us. He came in to sleep with me but I screamed.'"

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Genesis 39:22-23

“So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in prison and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph’s case because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.”

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Genesis 40:14-15

“When all goes well with you, when you get out of prison, remember me and show me kindness. Mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison for I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews to here. I have done nothing to be put into this dungeon.”

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Genesis 40:23

*“The chief cupbearer
however did not
remember Joseph.”*

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**Are you going to put your
faith in God's identity?**

Or

**Are you going to put your
faith in God's activity?**