



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

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| Scripture: | Genesis 39 | Title: | "His faithful love" |
| Author: | Ps Jadene Ng | | |
| Summary of Chapter: | Joseph was betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery by his brothers. He worked in the household of Potiphar and then was again betrayed. This time by the master's wife. Thrown into prison, he found once again that God had not abandoned him. | | |

| Key Verses (NLT): | How does it speak to me? |
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| <p><i>2 The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>23 The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.</i></p> | <p>Betrayal is a very hard thing to swallow. And to be betrayed and then left in a terrible place would be even more difficult to recover from. Yet, as Joseph discovered, it was God who was with him each time. At every trial in my life, I have often struggled with fear and despair, especially at the initial stage. It is only on taking time to calm down and remembering to pray that I begin to become more attuned to God's presence. Like Joseph, I want to experience God's faithful love in "the prison". The greatest prison I have found is the prison within me, the prison of fears and doubts. I felt that I had been abandoned and there was no hope. So, this verse really speaks to me: In the darkest nights, I chose not to give in to those voices of despair. I chose to tell Him my sorrows and found His comfort, strength and grace. God reminded me of His faithful love just when I needed to hear those words of assurance the most. We often look at Joseph's success in Potiphar's place and in the prison but overlook that all that was based on God's relationship and love and care for him. In times of great difficulties, may you too find His faithful love and see that difficult times become stepping-stones to a deeper relationship with Him.</p> |

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

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| Adult: | Reflect on one very difficult time in your life. How did that transform your relationship with God when you chose to focus on His love? Share this with someone in your family or a friend. |
| Youth: | What are some thoughts and emotions you have had to struggle with in tough times? What did you do and how did you process those emotions with God? |
| Child: | When we meet with bullies in school or fair-weather friends (friends who will not stand by you in |

PRAYER:

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| Praying Scripture: | Dear Lord, I am grateful for Your faithful love. In good times and not so good times. But especially in tough times. May each difficult time, when the fears and hopelessness come upon me, take me closer to You because I will choose to think of Your great big heart of love. Set me free each time from that prison that doubts Your love. In Jesus' name I/we pray, Amen. |
| Thanksgiving Prayer: | I/We thank you for family and friends! Each one is so precious! |
| Intercessory Prayer: | I/We want to pray for those suffering from depression having to stay at home or are confined at home or in the hospital. May they turn to You at this time and find true freedom in You. |
| Salvation Prayer: | I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen. |

