

# SURVIVING THE DEATH OF DREAMS

## Joseph's life:

### Childhood (Genesis 37)

Father's favorite / Robe (17 years old)

Dreams

Jealousy

Sold into slavery and taken to Egypt

### Potiphar's house (Genesis 39)

Found success and favor

Potiphar's wife

### Prison (Genesis 39-40)

Found success and favor in eyes of the warden

Interprets dreams for cupbearer and baker

Two more years

Interprets Pharaoh's dreams

### Egyptian royalty (Genesis 41-45) (30 years old)

Seven years of plenty

2/7 years of drought

Meets half brothers (37 years old)

## Don't miss seeing God at work.

Genesis 39:2-3 The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, <sup>4a</sup> Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. NIV

Genesis 39:20-23 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, <sup>21</sup> the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. <sup>22</sup> So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. <sup>23</sup> The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did. NIV

Genesis 45:5-7 [Joseph said to his brothers,] "And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you... <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance." NIV

## Hold to your identity, not your dream.

Always mistreated vs. always the favorite

He was the favorite at home.

He was the favorite at Potiphar's house.

He was the favorite in prison.

He was the favorite under the Pharaoh.

## Stay the course, maybe.