

Genesis 39:1-6

Movie director George Lucas of "Indiana Jones" said this: "Everyone has talent. What's rare is the courage to follow it to the dark places where it leads." Some people discover their talents early in life and succeed, while many others discover their talents through failure and adversity. When will the gift that God has given me be discovered? It will be discovered when I dedicate myself and work for the Lord. By participating in the work of the Lord, taking on responsibilities, and serving, I can understand God's plan and purpose for me. The passage about Joseph reveals how God works, why he dreamed despite being hated by his brothers, and how his brothers ended up selling him to Egypt. It marks the beginning of Joseph's successful journey. What were the blessings that Joseph received?

1. The one who was with God

"Because the Lord was with Joseph, he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master" (Genesis 39:2).

Joseph, born as the youngest son to Rachel, whom his father Jacob loved the most, gained his father's favor. As a result, he was hated by his brothers. Moreover, Joseph's dreams, in which his brothers' sheaves bowed down to his sheaf and the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to him, provoked his brothers' anger. They planned to kill him, but instead sold him to traders passing by, who took him to Egypt. The Bible does not explicitly state that God was with Joseph in his early life. Of course, Joseph's dreams were from God, but Joseph himself was unaware of God's presence with him. However, as the story unfolds with Joseph being sold to Egypt, it begins with the statement, "Because the Lord was with Joseph." When do we realize that God is with us? We cannot recognize God's presence in peaceful times. But in times of trial and adversity, when we have to fight alone, God reveals himself and lets us know that he is with us. Joseph realized that God had been guiding and accompanying him when he was sold as a slave to Egypt. It is unfortunate to live without feeling God's presence while believing in him. When we realize that God is with us, we receive the blessing of success that God opens within us.

2. The one who succeeded in everything

"His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands" (Genesis 39:3).

To "succeed" in the original language is "salah," which means to advance or be successful. Joseph was a person who made everything successful and prosperous. How did Joseph receive such grace? Believe that success is with God. Because God was with Joseph, everything he did was successful. Success does not simply mean prosperity or a one-time achievement. It means succeeding in everything one does. Wherever Joseph went, whatever he put his hand to, whatever task he was given, it succeeded. Currently, Joseph is a slave in Potiphar's house. Although there are many slaves in that house, because God blessed Joseph with success, he became the steward over all that Potiphar owned. Although Joseph was unjustly thrown into prison, he became the overseer of all the prisoners' affairs. Wherever a successful person goes, God opens the way. Eventually, Joseph came out of prison and stood before the palace of Egypt and was appointed as the prime minister. May there be the grace of success in every place of service and labor we undertake.

3. The one who became a channel of blessing

"From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field" (Genesis 39:5).

When Joseph went to Potiphar's house, who went with him? God went with him. Consequently, God's blessing came upon Potiphar's household. Joseph became a channel of blessing that extended God's blessing to Potiphar's home. Through one person's service, the entire household receives blessings. It is God's plan to work through us to bring about prosperity wherever we are. When does this happen? It happens when we serve and seek the grace of success in the presence of God. Joseph was known as a dreamer. But looking at Joseph's life, he was a successful person. Even if our lives are in places of suffering, in places of despair where nothing seems to be achieved, do not be discouraged. The saints who walk with God will surely receive the grace of success. Eventually, those around us will confess that we are successful. Ultimately, those who walk with God become channels of blessings through their service and dedication, bearing amazing fruits as saints.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. (Genesis 39:3)

**Bible
Reading**

3/18(Mon)	3/19(Tue)	3/20(Wed)	3/21(Thur)	3/22(Fri)	3/23(Sat)	3/24(Sun)
Deut. 28	Deut. 29-31	Deut. 32	Deut. 33-34 Joshua 1	Joshua 2-5	Joshua 6-8	Joshua 9-10

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Quiet Time Passage

3/18(Mon)	3/19(Tue)	3/20(Wed)	3/21(Thur)	3/22(Fri)	3/23(Sat)	3/24(Sun)
Psalms 50:1-15	Psalms 50:16-23	Psalms 51:1-19	Psalms 52:1-9	Psalms 53:1-6	Psalms 54:1-7	Psalms 55:1-15

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share something new you've realized or received grace through today's message.

2. Have you experienced God's success? Please share it with us.

3. If you've been used as a channel of blessing, please share it with us.