

## **God was with Joseph**

God has been with all of His people all through history. God was with Joseph and Joseph prospered because he was also with God.

**Gen 37:36** God's grace plan to send Joseph to Egypt to provide for the future of Jacob and the brothers even as they begin living out their evil lie. God honoring the Abrahamic Covenant - Gen 17:7; 22:16-18.

**Gen 39:1-2** The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered. - Yaweh hayah Yowceph

### **God is with His People**

#### **What it means that God is with His people**

- His people are saved and secure from judicial condemnation of Adam's sin
- His people are pursued & invited into an intimate relationship with Christ
- His people are the possessors of absolute promises of provision & protection

### **Church Age**

- In union with Christ and share all He is and all He possesses
- Bodily indwelt by GHS making every believer the temple of God
- Baptism of GHS forming all believers into the body of Christ who is the Head
  - Body of Christ in time and the bride of Christ in eternity
- Interconnected to all other believers as family, fellow citizens and joint heirs
- His divine power and His own beliefs operating within us

### **God is not with unbelievers**

- Mt 7:21-23 Depart from me... I never knew you
- Rev 20:15 Not in book of life - Lake of Fire

### **God has always been with His people**

- Gen 3:8 With A/E in the garden - before and after they sinned
- Gen 6-9 With Noah - delivered him and family from judgment of the flood
- Gen 17:7 Abraham - everlasting covenant for all his descendants - victory over enemies; impact for Christ for all nations (Gen 22:16-18)
- Gen 28: 15 Isaac - watch over you and never leave you.
- Gen 31:3 Jacob - protected him from harm
- Ex 3:12 Moses - I will be with you to enable you to complete your mission
- Josh 1:5 Joshua - just as I was with Moses; victory; never leave/forsake you
- Isa 41:10 Israel - no fear/panic; strengthen you; help; hold you up
- Jer 1:8,19 Jeremiah - no fear; rescue; victory over enemies
- Mt 28:19-20 Disciples / Apostles – authority / power to complete mission
- Acts 18:10 Paul - no fear to speak boldly - protection
- Gal 3:7 All who believe are children of Abraham - us
- Heb 13:5 Us - content with God's provision - never leave/forsake us.

**As God has been with His people through every phase of history, so He is with us today. He is with all that have trusted in Christ as Savior.**

### **God was with the brothers just as much as with Joseph.**

- Abrahamic Covenant - eternal blessing to all Abraham's descendants - specifically the line of Messiah - Isaac, Jacob, Judah and 12 tribes.
- All the brothers under the same care of God as Joseph in spite of their life decisions
- Gen 37:36; 45:1-11 - God's provision made clear
- God will never abandon His wayward children

**Heb 13:5 "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."**

**Joseph enjoyed his great victory because he was also with God.**

### **God was with Joseph and Joseph was with God.**

- OT pattern      Gen 5:22-24 Enoch walked with God; Gen 6:9 Noah
- Joseph      Was receptive to the word of God - Gen 37:5-9 - dreams
- Joseph      Was obedient to the word of God - Gen 37:12-14 - obedient to Jacob
- Joseph      Was loyal to the Lord - Gen 39:9 - sin is disloyalty to God
- Joseph      Made use of God's grace provisions for his life through faith & obedience. God prospered him in all that he did - even in slavery and prison.
- God      Has made provision for every believer to prosper in life regardless of the circumstances we are dealt.
- God      Is with you - are you walking with God.

### **Believers who don't walk with God – Brothers**

- 2Pt 2:10      Walk according to the flesh - lusts - controlled by sinful desires
- Acts 14:16      Walk after own ways - live out of your instincts
- 1Cor 3:3      Walk as mere men - use world standards to live by
- 1Jn 1:6      Walk in pretense - pretending to live right
- Eph 4:17      Walk in the vanity of your mind - old man thinking
- Phil 3:18      Walk as enemies of the cross - dishonorable to the Lord.

### **Church age provision for walking with God – Joseph**

- Eph 4:1      Walk worthy of your calling - walk based on position in Christ
- Rom 6:4      Walk in newness of life - new life in Christ
- Gal 5:16-17      Walk in the Spirit - victory over the flesh
- 3Jn 1:4      Walk in truth - word of God
- 2Cor 5:7      Walk by faith not sight - faith in the Lord not ourselves.
- Eph 5:2      Walk in love - as Christ loved us.
- Eph 5:15      Walk in wisdom - understanding of the greater good.