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## ***That's Not Fair!***

### **Introduction**

#### **1. How Life Isn't Fair:**

##### **Getting What Isn't Deserved (Genesis 39)**

<sup>1</sup> Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.” (Genesis 39:1, ESV)

<sup>5</sup> 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, ESV)

<sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master's wife, “Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. <sup>9</sup> He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”” (Genesis 39:8-9, ESV)

<sup>20</sup> And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.” (Genesis 39:20, ESV)

##### **Not Getting What Is Deserved (Genesis 40)**

<sup>6</sup> When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. <sup>7</sup> So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” <sup>8</sup> They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”” (Genesis 40:6-8)

“<sup>14</sup> Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. <sup>15</sup> For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.” (Genesis 40:14-15, ESV)

“<sup>23</sup> Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.” (Genesis 40:23, ESV)

## 2. Why Bother? “The Lord Is With Him” (Genesis 39:2-3, 39:21, 40:8b)

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### Digging Deeper

#### This week’s passages:

**Monday:** Genesis 39

**Tuesday:** Genesis 40

**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 15

**Thursday:** Hebrews 13:5-6

**Friday:** Philippians 4:1-9

**Weekend:** Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day’s passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of how the passage relates to Joseph and/or to you. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. **Read** the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. **Record** or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. **Reflect** and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. **Respond** by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word (“*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*” James 1:22).