

Our Encourager

One of my favourite Bible stories is that of Joseph. He started out as the spoiled son of his father but was betrayed by his own brothers who were jealous of him.

They were responsible for Joseph being abducted by passing travellers and ending up being enslaved in Egypt.

There he was falsely accused by the wife of his Egyptian master and thrown into prison. Then he was forgotten by a man he had helped.

Yet, against all these odds, a door opened for him to rise and become the second most powerful man in Egypt!!

What kept Joseph going through those darkest periods of his life?

We find the answer in Genesis 39 which tells us several times “the Lord was with Joseph.”

And, like Joseph, we can lean on God's great promise, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13.5.

You might have thought, “Yes, but I am a nobody. How can I expect to be anything else.” Well, for a long time Joseph was a nobody – but that was only in the eyes of others. He was never a nobody in God's eyes.

God, our encourager, has his eyes on you. Trust him today.

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Don't ever despair. God is always there.

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