

## Thriving with Joseph, pt 1

Genesis 37, 39

**A resolution:** I will grieve but not grumble, mourn but not murmur, weep but not whine.

### Thriving in a hostile world involves family life (Gen 37)

Where did the opposition in Joseph's life begin?

Many today are feeling the pain & agony of spiritual drift and opposition in their nuclear family.

Believers are not just living in a culture that wants to cancel them, their families want to cancel them.

Initial assault

Truth (2)

Favoritism and resentment (3-4)

Speaking the truth to those who oppose may precipitate resentment and retaliation.

Don't be surprised! (see Lu 12:51-53)

Hatred escalates and explodes

Don't be surprised when those who oppose are willing to lie, deceive & even kill.

Rescue (20ff)

Thriving in a hostile world may require us to release even family members into God's hand to change their hearts and sustain us in the separation or disharmony adversaries create.

### Thriving requires awareness that God is with you. (39:2)

Whatever injustice you experience, God is with you!

Human trafficking

Presence, not abandonment

Deuteronomy 31:6-8; Joshua 1:8

Hebrews 13:5-6

Psalms 46:1

Success, not failure

⇒ prosper; thrive

God uses and flourishes us in situations we might expect to be a bust.

**Take it Home**