

## Joseph: Deep in Door B

Genesis 39

### Four causes of Door B:

- A broken world
- Others
- Me
- Satan

### God is always...

- Using Door B.
- Working to bring ultimate good.
- Saying, "I am with you."

**Getting Started:** What causes you to wonder if God is in control?

**Digging In:** Read Gen 39. What phrases and ideas are repeated? How do Joseph's prospects look in Gen 39:1 in view of his dreams in Gen 37? Given Joseph's down turns in fortune in Gen 39, what do you think Joseph was thinking? Why do you think God allowed these things? What does it say about human sin and the effects of other's choices? What does it say about God's plans for Joseph? For us? Make a list of the things you learn about God from the whole story of Joseph. How can this help you with the story of your life? How do the following verses confirm that God is at work to bring about good: Gen 50:20; Dt 8:2-3; Jer 24:5-7; Zech 13:9; 2 Cor 4:15-17; Rom 8:28; 1 Thes 5:9; Heb 12:6-12; Jam 1:3? How does Joseph's life show that God sends His instruments of blessing into a cursed world? How do the following verses show that God sends his people into a cursed world: Jer 32:1-3; Ps 1:1-3; Isa 53:1-9; 2 Cor 11:23-27; 2 Tim 1:11-12; Heb 11:37-40? How do the following verses affirm that God is with His people: Gen 26:1-28, 10-15; 39:2, 20; Dt 31:6-8; Josh 1:5, 9; Jdgs 6:11-12; Ps 23:1; 78:52-53; Mt 1:23; 28:20; Jn 14:6; Rom 8:38-39?

**Living It Out:** Which truth about God from this story is most important and helpful to you? Why? How would you respond differently to all that life throws at you if you completely trusted that God is using all things for the good of those who love Him? Pick a time each day this week to meditate on these truths.

## Reading Plan

For February 28 – April 2

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 Genesis 21:1-35	1 Genesis 22:1-24	2 Genesis 24:1-27	3 Genesis 24:28-66	4 Genesis 25:1-34	5 Genesis 26:1-35
6	7 Genesis 27:1-46	8 Genesis 28:10-22	9 Genesis 29:1-35	10 Genesis 31:1-55	11 Genesis 32:1-32	12 Genesis 35:1-29
13	14 Genesis 37:1-36	15 Genesis 39:1-23	16 Genesis 40:1-23	17 Genesis 41:1-37	18 Genesis 41:38-57	19 Psalm 119:1-16
20	21 Genesis 42:1-38	22 Genesis 43:1-38	23 Genesis 44:1-34	24 Genesis 45:1-28	25 Genesis 50:22-26	26 Psalm 119:17-40
27	28 Ex 1:1-22	29 Ex 2:1-25	30 Ex 3:1-22	31 Ex 4:1-31	1 Ex 5:1-23	2 Psalm 136:1-26

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