

Genesis 39: 20-21a, 23b

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the Lord was with him;...
²³ and gave him success in whatever he did.



SERMON NOTES

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Staying Out of Prison

Genesis 39:20-21a, 23b

The worst prisons are spiritual.

2 Corinthians 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

- **The Freedom of a Clear Conscience**

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 *Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7-8 ³*It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.*

- **The Freedom of Forgiveness**

"Manassah" – "God made me forget" (Genesis 41:51)

- **The Freedom of Hope**

"tsaleach" – "to push forward" (prosperity or success)

"Faithful in little, faithful in much" (Luke 16:10)

"Why are you sad?" (Genesis 40:7)

- **Getting Out of Prison**

Hosea 14:2 *Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.*