

# “The Favored One”

*Genesis 39 & 41*

And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household (Acts 7:9-10).



**Marriage, Relocation, Divorce,  
Job Loss, Death, Betrayal, College,  
Breakdown, Or Test Results**



Life changing  
moments

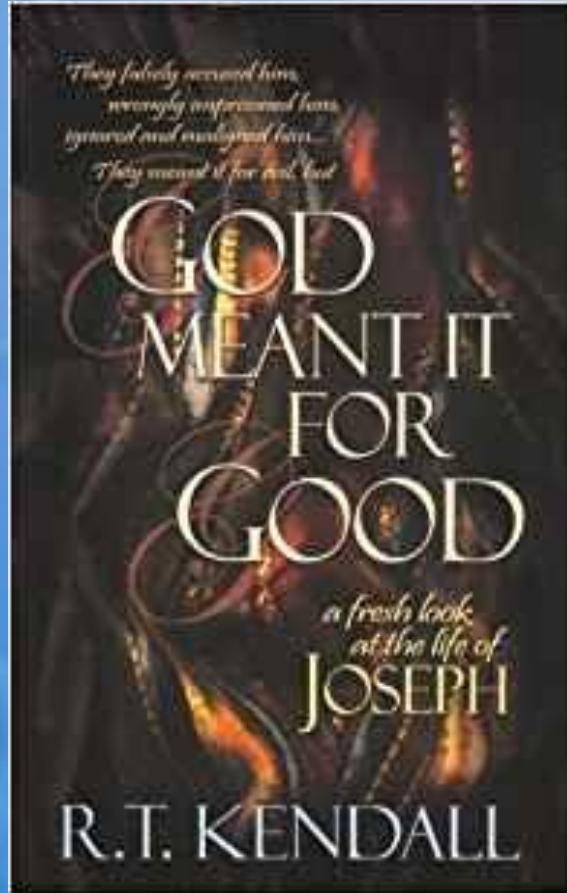


**“The presence of God does not depend upon the station of one’s life; rather, it depends upon the state of one’s soul.”**

**Bible  
Biography  
Series**

**John G. Butler**





**“If God puts His finger on you, it is enough to change you. The highest compliment a man can ever have is to be tapped on the shoulder by God. When that happens, wonderful things are at hand. Yet, it also means a time of preparation is at hand.”**



# Pro-Vision





# **“Submission”**

**Submission to the will of Him who guides us still**

**Is surety of His love revealed**

**My soul shall rise above this world in which I move**

**I conquer only where I yield**



# **“Submission”**

**Not what I wish to be, nor where I wish to go**

**For who am I that I should choose my way?**

**The Lord shall choose for me**

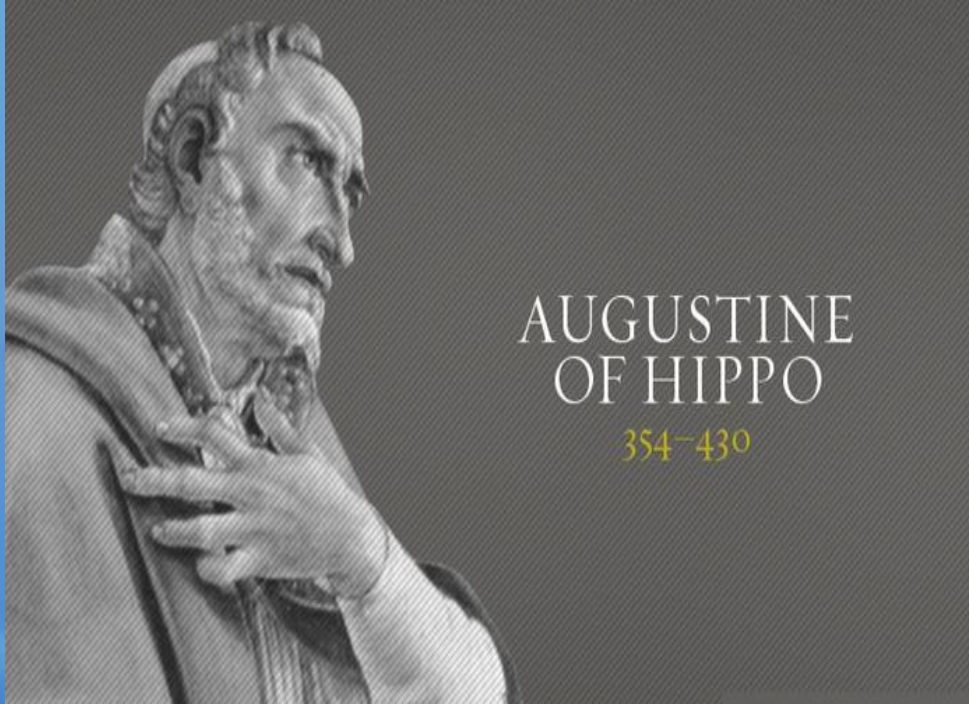
**Tis better far, I know, so let Him bid me go or stay**



# **“But God Was With Him”**

- 1. An Unfamiliar Position (Slave In Egypt)**
- 2. An Unfortunate Position (Prisoner In Egypt)**
- 3. An Unfathomable Position (Sovereign Over Egypt)**





**“God loves every man as though there were no one else to love. God also prepares every man as though there were no one else.”**



# **I. In Potiphar's House (Genesis 39:1-6a)**

- 1. New Country**
- 2. New Language**
- 3. New Customs**
- 4. Pagan Religions**
- 5. New Climate**
- 6. No Family**
- 7. No Freedom**



# “The Lord Was With Joseph”

Why My God, my God  
Why have you **forsaken** me?



# **Bearable Unfamiliar Position**

- 1. Peace From Enemies**
- 2. Presence Of God**
- 3. Prosperity From God**



## **II. In The Prison House (Genesis 39:20-23)**

**“But The Lord Was With Joseph (21)**

**“Showed Him Steadfast Love” (21)**

**“Gave Him Favor” (21)**

**“Because The Lord Was With Him” (23)**

**“The Lord Made It Succeed” (23)**

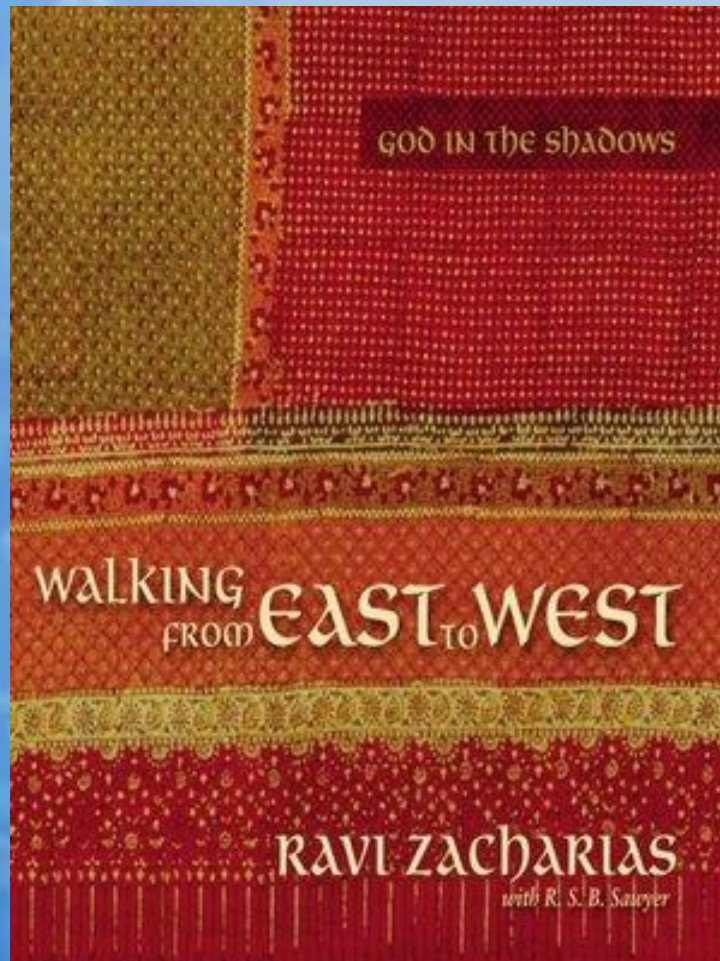


# Some Perspectives

**“God’s presence can make a prison a palace. On the other hand, His absence can make a palace a prison” (John Butler).**

**“Historians tell us that Egypt was not exactly a bastion of prison reform. Prisoners were harshly treated, with only the bare necessities for survival” (Erwin Lutzer).**

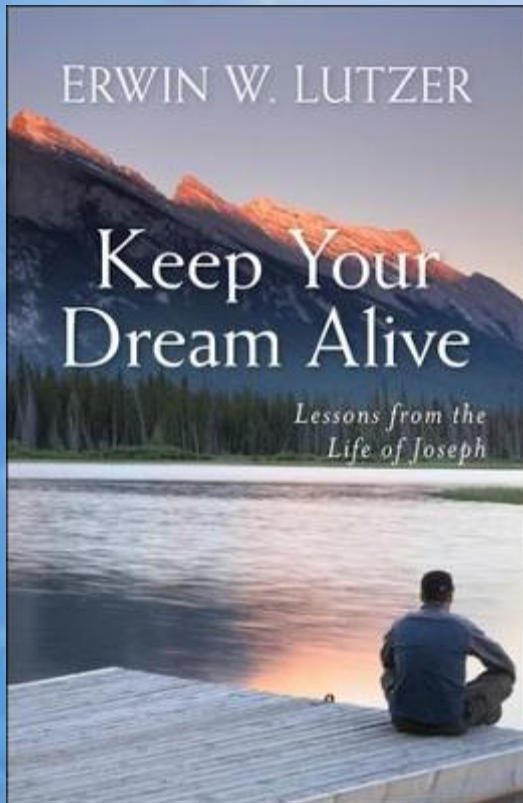




# Vietnamese Interpreter Imprisoned And Tortured



# The Presence Of God



“Some people live in a palace with their hearts in a prison; others live in prison with their hearts in a palace. The presence of God makes all the difference!”



### III. In Pharaoh's House (Genesis 41:37-45)

**An accused rapist is  
given an early  
release and is not  
just paroled but  
promoted!**





# **Joseph: Second Only To Pharaoh**

- 1. Geographical Control – All Egypt**
- 2. Financial Authority – Signet Ring**
- 3. Social Privilege – Royal Garments**
- 4. Royal Privilege – Chariot**
- 5. Political Power – Only By His Consent**
- 6. Religious Position – Married Into Priestly Family**
- 7. Significant Name – “Revealer Of Secrets”**



# **Two Sons: Genesis 41:51-52**

**1. Manasseh – Forgetful (Past)**

**2. Ephraim – Fruitful (Future)**



# **“Submission”**

**The path that I have trod, has brought me nearer God**

**Though oft it led through sorrow's gate**

**Though not the way I'd choose, in my way I might lose**

**The joy that yet for me awaits**



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**The Lord will choose for me, tis better far I know**

**So let Him bid me go, or stay**



# Joseph

When his brothers  
threw him into the pit  
he went from riches to  
rags.

When Pharaoh lifted  
him out of prison he  
went from rags to  
riches.

Though very far  
from home, the  
presence of God  
was very near.





**For he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5b-6)**

**Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you (Isaiah 49:15).**