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A HOPE WOMEN'S GATHERING

***Persevering Faith: Lessons from the Life of Joseph***

**Lesson 3: Provision**
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**INTRODUCTION:**

**READING: Genesis 39:1-6 (CEB)**

1 When Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, Potiphar, Pharaoh's chief officer, the commander of
the royal guard and an Egyptian, purchased him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down
there.

2 The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man and served in his Egyptian
master's household. 3 His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made
everything he did successful.

4 Potiphar thought highly of Joseph, and Joseph became his assistant; he appointed Joseph head
of his household and put everything he had under Joseph's supervision. 5 From the time he
appointed Joseph head of his household and of everything he had, the Lord blessed the
Egyptian's household because of Joseph. The Lord blessed everything he had, both in the
household and in the field.

6 So he handed over everything he had to Joseph and didn't pay attention to anything except the
food he ate.

**TABLE STUDY:**

1. Who was Potiphar and what was his opinion of Joseph?

2. How do we know that the Lord was with Joseph?

3. What can we tell about Joseph from this passage?

**TEACHING NOTES:**

**TABLE DISCUSSION:**

1. Have you experienced a time where it felt like God wasn't moving? Did you take things into your own hands or were you content to wait?
2. Share a time where you saw God provide in your life whether financially, physically, emotionally, mentally, socially, etc.
3. Do you find it easier to live in "ordinary time" or in the big beginnings and exciting endings? How does God work through both?
4. Romans 12:1 states "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering." What does this mean to you? Is it possible?
5. What things get in the way or help you to see that God created you for a purpose and is working through your life to bless others? Explain

**UNISON READING: Genesis 50:20**

You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it.