



Be the Blessing at Your Workplace

Now his master saw that the Lord was with him and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand... (Genesis 39:3)

After having lofty dreams of leadership and sold by his older brothers into slavery, Joseph becomes an overseer in Egypt. The Lord blesses Joseph and makes him successful.

So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the Lord's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field (Genesis 39:4-5)

Notice how the Lord's blessing was not only to Joseph but to the entire household. All did not go well for Joseph. He was falsely accused of sexual assault and attempted rape by the overseer's wife and subsequently sent to prison. Once again, the hand of the Lord is upon Joseph and he is placed in a leadership position as overseer of the jail.

But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. (Genesis 39:21)

In prison Joseph used his spiritual gift of dream interpretation to assist the cupbearer and baker with their dreams. Two years later, with the help of God, Joseph is the only one who can interpret the dream by the Pharaoh of Egypt. Joseph becomes 2nd in command of Egypt and follows God's plan to save Egypt and surrounding countries from a severe famine.

Joseph understood, through God's blessing and mighty hand, he had been an instrument in God's plan.

God sent me ahead of you to preserve you on the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now, it is not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me an adviser to Pharaoh, lord over all his household, and ruler over all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 45:7-8)

Like Joseph, we can be a blessing to our own workplace, whether it is a clinical facility, academic institution, or organization. Joseph demonstrates for us key reminders in living out our blessing to others:

- be humble with how God will use your specific knowledge and talents;
- be the voice of hope and peace instead of adding to the negativity;

- persevere amidst the trials to stay faithful no matter your circumstances; and
- wait for God to transform our workplace as part of His eternal plan.

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