



“But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor...”  
Genesis 39:21

The word “but” might be substituted with the phrase “in spite of the present circumstances.” “In spite of the present circumstances the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor...”

“My situation can’t get any worse.” “If the Lord had only been with me in the first place...” Why did He allow this to happen to me?” Yes, Joseph went from being a favored son, to a slave being falsely accused, to prison. “But God...” Friend, it doesn’t matter your situation, the LORD is always bigger than the circumstance in which you find yourself involved! And be assured His presence with you is not as a mere by-stander but as an active participant in seeing you are victorious and overcome this present trial.

The Lord’s presence always guarantees us victory regardless the conditions or the difficulties. How can we fail when “the Lord is with us!”? But, the Presence of the LORD is not primarily directed, at first, at giving us a victory over our enemies. First and foremost the LORD stands beside us to impart to us His mercy so that we might see Him as the Source of our abilities and life and that to the end we may be like His Son, Jesus Christ. When you have seen His mercy, rest easy, for the favor of God is already speeding its way to your circumstances!