

## “And 1” Sermon

### Genesis Chapter 39:1-6

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**And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.**

**<sup>2</sup> And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. <sup>3</sup> And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.**

**<sup>4</sup> And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.**

**<sup>5</sup> And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.**

**<sup>6</sup> And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.**

AND1 = in basketball, when a person is driving into the lane, gets fouled and still manages to score. The basketball term “And One” is used when a player gets fouled while shooting. Despite being defended, despite the efforts of the opponent, the player still scores and they get a free throw. When I go to the hole.....and I get fouled, and still make the shot...before the ball goes in, I can yell “and1” that lets the opponent know that even though they tried to stop me, I still got over and I got another shot and opportunity to score coming my way. An AND1 move is a tricky skill that embarrass opponents.

Background: Joseph had dreams and a vision given to him by God of greatness. His future looked bright. But after the dream came trouble, heartache, disappointment and pain.

Verse 1 – Brought down to Egypt

- He was brought down from where he was. Anybody know about other people bringing you down? Other people talking about you or against you. In an uncomfortable place, a strange place, a bad place, not the place he had expected when he had the dreams.
- Nothing in his dreams about this time of trouble and hurt. No pit or slavery, or jail time was ever in the dream vision God gave him. Some things that have happened in my life and yours

were probably not in our plans. Unemployment was not in the plan, hurt and disappointment not in the plan, people turning their back on you....didn't see that one coming, divorce and separation....didn't expect that, in debt up to your eye balls.....didn't see that in the plan. He didn't see it in his dream perhaps because God wants him to focus on the promise and not the problem.

- A true baller doesn't let what's in front of them stop them from getting to the goal.

Verse 2 – And the Lord was with Joseph.

- When they brought him down to that place, someone else was with him.
- And = conjunction, used to connect words of the same part of speech, clauses, or sentences that are to be taken jointly together. Together with, along with, in addition to. Used to introduce an additional comment or interjection. Something else is coming behind this; something extra is with me....AND1 moment.
- While in bondage God was still with him. Dream was still alive even though his situation looked bad. Even in that condition, he was prosperous. He was getting over even though he was in a bad place. The enemy was lined up against him, but he was still able to score. Why....because God was with him. Joseph was experiencing an AND1 moment.
  - Things working against him but God was working for him, enemy trying to keep him from his destiny, while God is preparing him for his future; facing the opposition and season of trouble but he was still scoring and more was on the way, Joseph makes a move and drives to his destiny and he scores....AND1.
- If God is with you, it really doesn't matter where you are.....where you are doesn't disqualify you from getting blessed if God is with you in that place or situation. If God is with you, it really doesn't matter who is against you. You just need to make sure God is with you where you are and in what you're doing.

Verse 3 – Someone else who didn't know God could tell that God was with him. How did they know....because what he did always prospered. You know how you can tell that God is with you...other folks are able to see something different about you.

- Is He with you? How do you know?
  - Because even in this uncomfortable season, folk ought to still see you got something going on. Something still working in your favor.
- If you're running your house and the Lord is with you...
- If you going to that job and God is with you....
- If you gotta go to school and God is with you....then family, relatives, employers, co-workers, teachers, principals, classmates ought to see that God is with you....something extra with you, something different about you.

- You ought to be running your house like God is with you, doing school work and homework like God is with you, running your relationships like God is with you, doing your job like God is with you.....when you get to work can people tell that He is with you? Or do you come with Bozo?

Verse 4 – Joseph found grace...just continued to serve his master and employer. Didn't say he complained, just served. After awhile he got a promotion. Notice...this is not the job he expected or was being trained for. Some of us are going to get up and go to work tomorrow in jobs or classes that we may not like, didn't expect to be at, or around people who seem to be working against you and if you show up at work or at class without Jesus.....then it will be difficult for you to have an "AND" moment.

- When God is with you, grace and favor, goodness and mercy will follow. Joseph was faithful and served him in that low paying go no-where job. He didn't clown or complain about the situation that was unfair....he was a faithful worker so he got a promotion in that bad place.
- Now if God did that for Joseph what do you think could happen for us if God is with us where we go? What would happen if we went to church and God was with us?
  - A praise might break out if God was with us here.
  - Worship might be high if we get here and God is with us.
  - Our church might prosper if we bring God with us in this place.
  - Why wait and try and pick up God when you get here....bring Him with you before you get here. So if someone looks at me crazy, if someone doesn't speak to me or shake my hand, I can still get my praise on and still love them back any way and tell the devil....AND1!
- Just because you're not in your best season, doesn't mean you can't get a promotion that will prepare you and set you up for a future blessing.

Verse 5 – From the time he got promoted and put over the house, God started blessing the house for Joseph's sake. Ya'll better talk to me. Why did this guy...unsaved guy get a blessing and get over?

- God's blessing was over everything that the Egyptian had. That sounds crazy.
- Is the place that you work blessed because you bring God into it?
- Is the church blessed because you bring God into it?
- If we bring God into this place, He'll start to bless it on purpose.
- God blessed the house on purpose. God wants to bless your house on purpose, bless your job on purpose...for your sake when you rolling with God.
  - Blessed on purpose, blessed in his house and in the city, blessed in the field, when we come and when we go.
  - (our church) is experiencing an AND1 season because even though there may be some things lined up against us....I still see us experiencing some good things around....the devil can't stop this...tell him "AND1" when you drive by him and make him look silly.
  - But you will only defeat him if God is with you.....wanna kill a revival.....try and do this without God.



Verse 6 – Because of Joseph’s work; he put him in charge...Potiphar didn’t even worry about what he had. Let him open and close and didn’t have to worry about him because he trusted him and saw the results...because God was with him.

- But wait a minute.....He only got blessed when he put Joseph in charge of his house. Just said something. Let me tell you something about Joseph in the Bible. He is a type of Christ.
  - Would you hire somebody like Joseph to run your house for you?
  - Joseph ain’t available...but I know somebody who is and God is with Him because He is God.....Jesus.
  - Jesus ain’t a type of Christ, he’s the real deal....Let Him in your house and let Him start to run things in your house, life, relationship, school, job, conversations.

Too many people cry foul. Need more Christians saying “AND1”.

Crossover Move.

Invite someone from your job to come to church, especially as we get ready for Resurrection Day....but take God with you to work. Nobody is going to want to come to your church if you act like a clown during the week.