C. Joseph lived a _____ life.

A.W. Tozer once said:

"It is doubtful that God ever used anyone greatly without first hurting them deeply."

Dr. Mike Wells, Pastor, Wednesday Evening, June 12, 2013

GENESIS 37:36, "AND THE MIDIANITES SOLD HIM INTO EGYPT UNTO POTIPHAR, AN OFFICER OF PHARAOH'S, AND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD."

GENESIS 39:1 & 6, "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. 6 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."

Dealing with Hardships

I. God _____ Him.

Genesis 37:36
And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

A. The fact that he was sold to Potiphar.
Genesis 37:36

B. You can see how much control the Lord has by looking at the _____ of the people involved in this account.

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Genesis 39:2
And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

C. While the events of Joseph's life appeared to be out of control, they were actually being _____ by God.
Genesis 39:2

D. Obedience to the Lord may lead us into the _____ of a terrible storm.
Isaiah 53:10

Genesis 39:2, 3
And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

II. God _____ him.
Genesis 39:2, 3

A. When Joseph arrived in Egypt, he no longer had his _____ of many colors.

B. When Joseph arrived in Egypt, he could have taken _____ paths.

C. We are told in verse 2 that Joseph was "a _____ man."

Genesis 39:4-6
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. 5 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. 6 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.

D. Joseph was in a bad situation, but he still lived a life that was _____ by the Lord.

Two Thoughts
When Going Through Trials:

1. *Problems do not mean that God is not blessing you.*

2. *The secret to success in hard times is how you respond. (Ninety percent of living a joyful Christian life is how you respond to trials.)*

III. God _____ him.
Genesis 39:4-6

A. Potiphar saw that the _____ of God was upon the life of Joseph. (vs.3)

B. Like cream, Joseph continues to _____ to the top.