Potiphar

Read Genesis 39:1-6a

- **1** When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.
- **2** The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.
- **3** Potiphar noticed this and realized that the LORD was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did.
- **4** This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.
- **5** From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the LORD began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished.
- **6** So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat!

Who bought Joseph from the traders (v. 1)? Potiphar

What was Potiphar's job? He worked for Pharaoh. He had an important job -- Captain of the guard. He was in charge of all of Pharaoh's personal soldiers.

Do you think the Joseph was wondering if God had forgotten about him?

Did God forget about Joseph (v. 2)? No. God blessed Joseph and made him very successful.

What did Potiphar see in Joseph (v. 3)? He realized that Joseph's God was with him and his God gave him success in everything he did.

What did Potiphar do for Joseph (v. 4)? He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.

What happened to Potiphar because of Joseph (v. 5)? God blessed his home and his fields and animals.

What did Potiphar do for Joseph (v. 6) He put Joseph in charge of everything he owned and didn't have to worry about anything except what he was going to eat.

Why was Potiphar not worried about letting a Jew take care of his things? Because he knew Joseph's God was with him (v.3). And he saw what a great job Joseph was doing.

Do your friends realize your God is with you?