

## HOW TO STAY ANCHORED WHEN HIT BY THE STORMS OF ADVERSITY!!

What kind of adversity did Joseph face:

1. rejection by his family
2. lost his job
3. lost his freedom
4. probably felt abandonment

Key thought: When the storms of adversity blow against your life, you can demonstrate a life that is anchored in God's truth.  
(2 Corinthians 4:8-9; Proverbs 24:10)

The key to Joseph's success: "the Lord was with him."

### PRINCIPLE #1: SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ARE BORN OUT OF ADVERSITY

1. God has a purpose for your adversity. (James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 5:10)

Questions that should be asked:

- Is this a consequence of my personal sin?
- Is this God's providence at work to make me like Christ?

2. God is personal and specific when He allows adversity in your life.
3. God wants you to know His presence in your adversity.

### PRINCIPLE #2: OVERCOMING ADVERSITY IS A PROCESS AND A PERSPECTIVE (Jeremiah 12:5)

1. Be prepared: trust God's promises
2. Be secure: rest in God's presence – (Hebrews 6:9; Psalm 34:19)
3. Be faithful: strive in God's power