







“circuitous”

“longer than the most direct way”

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“you’re expecting to go down one path
and a detour comes up taking you places
you never thought or intended to go!”



CIRCUITOUS ROUTE



GENESIS 37:2-8

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.



GENESIS 37:2-8

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.





GENESIS 39:2-9

The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant.

Potiphar put him in charge of everything and the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph...

... Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused ... "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

God took Joseph on this circuitous route from one place to another, from one experience to another, to Prepare him, then Place him in a Position, for His Plan and his Purpose.



THE CIRCUITOUS ROUTE STARTS WITH THE UNEXPECTED



BEING ON A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE DOES NOT NEGATE GOD'S MIRACULOUS WORK



THE CIRCUITOUS ROUTE CAN BE A ROLLER COASTER RIDE



GOD IS THE "GOD OF THE CIRCUITOUS ROUTE"



A FEW THINGS WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND IS TO:



EXPECT UNCERTAINTY



A FEW THINGS WE NEED TO
KEEP IN MIND IS TO:



CHECK OUR DISAPPOINTMENTS



**“DISAPPOINTMENTS TO US
CAN BE APPOINTMENTS WITH
GOD’S WILL.”**


