

**PARENTS - This msg is rated PG-13**

we're going to be talking about **sexual temptation**

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**We left Joseph** at a real **high point** in his life

***The Lord was with Joseph***

& **Joseph was joining God** in what God was doing

**Gen 39:5-6A - ESV**

***5 So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field.***

***6 Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. . .***

**God** had brought Joseph **From the PIT - To the PALACE**

But **Joseph's Trials** aren't over

& God is **NOT done refining** Joseph **THRU** those trials

**Today** - we're going to talk about **Sexual Temptation**

**& before** we do that - We **better pray**

**Let's Pray**

## Gen 39:6B-7 - ESV

*6 . . . Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.*

*7 And after a time [after a time of his success] his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."*

1<sup>st</sup> - Let's talk about WHEN this trial came  
it came AFTER Joseph's Success

We tend to equate TRIALS with TRIBULATION (trouble)

& certainly - when Joseph was in the PIT, & SOLD into Slavery  
that was a TRIAL of TRIBULATION . . .

& last week - we saw Very Clearly - that God was AT WORK  
in Joseph's "Trials of Tribulation"

unfortunately - our Trials of Tribulation  
are NOT the only Trials - we will have in this life

Into EVERY Christian life will come:  
Trials of TRIBULATION - &  
Trials of TEMPTATION

## REPEAT

Joseph did SOOO WELL under his 1<sup>st</sup> Trial of Tribulation  
BUT NOW - he's going to face his 1<sup>st</sup> Trial of Temptation

& for Joseph (as for us) - this Trial of Temptation  
Can easily be more devastating than any Trial of Tribulation

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Let me give you a **VERY REAL** - & far too common - **Example**

A **young couple** gets married - & they're **madly in love** -  
But their **1<sup>st</sup> few years** are **TUFF** . . .

Their **parents** didn't support the marriage  
They weren't **financially** ready  
They **lost their jobs** & **got evicted** from they're apartment  
Their **cars got repo'd** - & they're **working** the night shift at **McDonalds**

**BUT** - As they **gaze longingly** into **one another's eye's**  
**ALL** they say "***Baby, all we need is Each Other . . .***"

& then **they start singing** that old **Sonny & Cher** song  
***"I Got You Babe . . ."***

& when we **LOOK BACK** - on those **Trials of Tribulation** - we see;  
They **Strengthen** us  
They **Draw us together**  
They **Make us Depend** on one another

& **those are the trials** we always **thank God for** - **IN HINDSIGHT**

But **finally** - things start to **change** for our "**Sonny & Cher**" couple  
**1<sup>st</sup> She** gets a **good job** - Then **He** gets a **great Job**

**Suddenly** their back on their feet **financially**  
& then they **start having kids** - ***everything's great***

& then he **gets a huge promotion**  
only - **now** he has to **travel** - & he's **away from home** a bit

but **everything's good** - plenty of **money** - **all the toys** start coming  
& **those days** of **Tribulation** are Long Gone . . .

But **let me ask you** something - is our **Sonny & Cher** couple  
in **LESS** danger now - or **MORE** danger ??

They are in **MORE DANGER** now than ever before

& **then one day** - when everything is **Status Quo**  
**his mind** starts **wandering** while he's at work

& **before he realizes it** - there's a **woman saying**  
(*in 1 way or another*) - - **LIE WITH ME !**

& **BAMM** - he is - *just like Joseph* -  
in the middle of a **Trial of Temptation**

& **I promise you** - **This one is more DEADLY**  
than all the Trials of **Tribulation** we can go thru

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When **Pam & I** were 1<sup>st</sup> married  
**I was working** for a **Hospital Supply** Co.

& I was **standing at a pay phone** in a hospital  
& a **woman walked up** to me & said "*Is your wife married ??*"

& **I had to think** for a minute . . . *my wife . . . yeah . . . is she married?*  
*oh YEAH, YEAH . . . (I get it) . . . YES - My Wife IS Married !!*

**Sometimes** the Temptation comes **DIRECT**  
**Sometimes** the Temptation comes **SUBTLE**  
**But** the Temptation **WILL ALWAYS** come !!

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& let me just clear up One Thing right here !!

Sexual Temptation (& *the damage it brings*)

Is NOT LIMITED - to a MAN's Temptation

So women - you are far from off the hook here

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Now - because of the day & age & culture we live in

It's critical that we acknowledge . . .

The most rampant Sexual Temptation destroying Marriages,  
Teenagers, and even Young Children right now . . .

Is the greatest Threat of Sexual Temptation the church has ever faced

& you know how the Antichrist - *when he comes* -

he's going to be known by a NUMBER

Well this Devastating Sexual Predator doesn't go by a NUMBER

You will know it by its LETTER

& its letter is W.W.W.

& the Temptation for Sexual Sin thru the Internet

Is greater than ALL forms of Temptation ever known to man

Please - DO NOT sit here & listen to this message & think you're OK -  
if you have PORN on a computer somewhere in your life

If you are looking at PORN on a computer -

You are Living In Sexual Sin

*Please Don't Fool Yourself, because GOD IS NOT Fooled !!*

So - when we read about  
HOW Joseph dealt with Sexual Temptation . . .

It applies Equally today to both a physical person  
& . . . a computer screen

I'd like to give you some statics I got off of a GREAT Web-Site  
That I encourage you ALL to go to

The web address is www.xxxchurch.com

Internet Porn = \$57 Billion / yr industry world-wide

In the U.S. Porn generates more money than ALL combined revenues  
of ALL professional sports teams in EVERY sport in the Country

4.2 Million Porn sites on the internet - & growing daily

68 Million search requests for Porn sites Every Day

90% of ALL teenagers have viewed Porn before they're 17  
(most while doing homework)

The largest viewing group of internet porn is 12-17 year olds

53% of men polled at a recent Promise Keepers Event  
admit to viewing porn in the last week

30% of all visitors to porn websites are women

Women sign-in to sexual chat rooms 2 to 1 over men

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xxxchurch.com calls Porn in the Christian Church  
The Elephant in The Pew . . .

& we say . . . *we don't have an elephant in the pew . . .*  
(yeah - that's the problem)

I really encourage you to Go to [xxxchurch.com](http://xxxchurch.com)  
& get the straight talk on Internet Porn

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& now - let me say one more thing - that needs to be said . . .

Wives - if your husband gets the guts  
to confess this sin to you . . .

Then it is CRITICAL that YOU get some help . . .

On how you can be a POSITIVE part  
of God freeing your husband from this sin

Go to xxxchurch.com - talk to a Pastor, Leader, Counselor

But DO NOT - walk out of church today & say  
*"well, if YOU ever did that I'd take the kids & leave you!"*

That is NOT going to help break the addiction

get some help - get some resources  
to find out how you can help cure this cancer in your marriage

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OK - with ALL THAT out of the way  
Let's talk about Joseph's Sexual TEMPTATION

& let's make sure & relate it to OUR Sexual TEMPTATIONS

We will ALL face Sexual Temptation  
& we are at greatest Risk - when we think we've "made it"

That's where Joseph was when his Trial of TEMPTATION came

Lst wk we saw - in the life of Joseph - **DOUBLE EDGED TRUTH**

we saw - 1) The **Miracle** of God's **Sovereignty** - &  
2) The **Requirement** of our **Responsibility**

God is **Sovereignly AT WORK** in Joseph's Life . . .

& **TODAY** - Joseph **JOINS God** in what he's doing

**TODAY** - Joseph **SERVES God** - instead of **SERVING his Flesh**

**TODAY** - Joseph **DOES** the right thing - **because** it's the right thing

### **Gen 39:7-8A- ESV**

*7 And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."*

*8 But he refused . . .*

OK - **Let me break it down** for you

**Step #1** - when facing **Sexual Temptation** - **REFUSE !!!**

*8 But he refused . . .*

**However** - if the **Promise Keeper's Survey** is accurate

**53% of the men** listening to my **voice** write now - **would say** . . .

It's **NOT** that easy - to **just refuse** to **click on that site**

It's **NOT** that easy - to **JUST SAY NO**

**I'm not saying** it's **EASY** - I'm saying it's **NECESSARY** !

*if you **EVER** want to be **free** from that **Bondage***

**If** you **EVER** want to **Join God** - **INSTEAD** of **Fighting Him**

**If** you **EVER** want to **Serve God** instead of **Serving your Flesh** . . .

Then you **must SAY NO!**



Joseph had Integrity before God - when no one is looking  
Joseph had Integrity b4 God when his flesh was screaming otherwise

& we MUST do the same thing !

### Again - Gen 39:8-9-ESV

**8 But he refused [& now we'll see his reasoning] *and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge.***

**9 *He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"***

Let's be clear on one thing - Sexual Sin is;  
a Great Wickedness - & a Sin Against God !!

& Joseph knows that - & it gives him the MOTIVATION  
to DO what's right !!

So he says NO - & we'd love to think WHEW - *he got thru it . . .!!*

& he did - for THAT moment . . . for THAT day . . .  
BUT tomorrow was another day

### Gen 39:10 - ESV

**10 *And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.***

Every time you turn that Computer on  
Potiphar's wife is there - whispering in your ear - day after day

Click here - Look here - Think about this  
& remember - *I'm talking to Men & Women here*

But - Day after Day - Joseph made the same choice - **HE REFUSED!**

**Why** . . .

**because** he kept saying to **HIMSELF** - & to Potiphar's wife . . .

**How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"**

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We **MUST SAY** the same thing to ourselves

We **MUST DO** the same thing as Joseph - **REFUSE**

**But Now** - I want to talk Very Briefly

about ways to **Survive Sexual Temptation**

Theirs **is so much more** than I **can say**

but **this may be** the only chance **I have** to talk to some of you

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**FIRST** - Sexual Temptation is **UNavoidable** - for both men & women

**We live** in a **sex-obsessed** culture

& **being a Christian** doesn't exempt you

We **must admit** it's REAL - & we **must address it** in our lives

**NEXT** - We must **ADMIT** that Sexual Temptation

**begins** in our **EYES** (men) - & our **MINDS** (women)

We **see this so often** - with Christians

Just a **"2<sup>nd</sup> look"** at the office

Just a **"chance" meeting** at the water cooler

& then a **few conversations** where  
the man is **lusting with his EYES** - for the women's body  
& the woman is **lusting in her MIND** - for an exciting relationship

& what they're **BOTH about to get**  
is **serious devastation** in their lives

But if **he would've** considered that first **LOOK - Adultery**  
& if **she would've** considered that first **THOUGHT - Adultery** . . .

then **they both could've avoided** the devastation  
that **sin was going to bring** into their lives

& Jesus **KNEW THAT** - in the Sermon on the Mount

### **Mat 5:27-28 - ESV**

**27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'**

**28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.** [& for women, it's in your thoughts]

[and just how serious are you saying it is, Jesus . . .?]

**29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.**

**30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.**

Jesus **is not endorsing** Literal **Dismemberment**  
**He's trying** to get across the **seriousness** of LUST

Because **he knows** - what **James** tells us in **Jas 1:14-15**

## **Jas 1:14-15 - ESV**

***14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his [or her] own desire.***

***15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.***

**LUST KILLS - & PORN is LUST taken to its greatest end  
& it will bring death into our lives . . .**

**just ask anyone who's stayed addicted long enough  
for that to happen - - - because it always does**

We **MUST** connect those **Initial Lustful Thoughts**  
to the **coming future devastation**

**THAT'S** what Joseph did !!

**He knew** if he even **entertained** the thought - he'd **lose everything**  
& he **would have to deal with God**

We **MUST** think the **same way**

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**NEXT** - You must **make a plan** to **Avoid Sexual Sin**  
make a **drastic plan** if necessary - & **stick to it** at all costs

**Joseph did** - & it ended up **costing him a lot**  
but he **made a plan** - & he **stuck** with . . .

& **by the way** - his **plan** . . . was . . . **RUN !!!**

**Each of us** must also **have a PLAN**

& there are some things YOU may not be able to do

Someone else may be able to watch an "R" rated movie  
but YOU may not be able to

### 1Cor 6:12 ESV

*12 "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful.  
"All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything.*

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NEXT - Be prepared to Fight the Good Fight - & it will be a fight

Study Eph 6:10-18 !!

Study this section - learn what it means

Get the message - Overcoming Spiritual Strongholds (from WBM)

& we must understand - this is a Life-Long battle  
as long as you are in this skin - this is going to be a battle

So we've got to learn how to DAILY keep ourselves PURE

### Gal 5:16 - ESV

*16 But I say, walk by [in] the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

The Spirit of God in you - & your Flesh - ARE AT WAR

& we've got Walk in the Spirit (Not the Flesh) Every Day

Rom 6 - 7 - 8 - are your Ch's to learn & re-learn & re-learn

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& **FINALLY** - We must **COME CLEAN**

### **Pro 28:13 - ESV**

*13 Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

We must **Get Real** with GOD **FIRST**  
**quit acting** like God **doesn't know**

**Then** - you must find a **friend**, **pastor**, **counselor**, **somebody**  
to **PRAY** for you - & hold you **accountable**

### **Jas 5:16 - NLT**

*16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

& **one of** the most critical parts - of "**Coming Clean**"  
is **GETTING** - & **STAYING** - **Accountable**

### **Gal 6:1-2**

*1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.*

*2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

This is **one of the most** critical parts  
of **Overcoming** this **Bondage**

**Choosing** an **Accountability Partner** is **Crucial** - *so be careful*

You **must be able** to **TRUST THEM** with **Everything**  
because **you must** **TELL THEM** **Everything**

& they **must be committed**  
to helping you thru **ALL** the hard times

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& pls hear me - **if you have fallen** in Sexual Sin - **Take Great Hope**

**All is NOT Lost** - God **already knows** you've fallen  
& He has **already prepared a way** - for you to be **restored**

God **Knows** You !

God **Loves** You !

God has a way to **Restore Your Life** !

**The question** is will you **trust** Him

Will you **Surrender Completely** - **EVERY** area - **of your life** to Him

**IF you will** - He will **Save** you - & He will **Restore** you !!

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**Psa 51** → →

## **Psa 51 - ESV**

**1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

**3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

**4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

**5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

**6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

**9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**...**

**15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

**16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

**17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**