

# UNORDINARY CHOICES

## The Art of Being Unordinary: Part Four

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### What made Joseph ordinary?

#### 1. He had a MESSY family.

*“This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also, he made him a tunic of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.”*  
(Genesis 37:2-4, NKJV)

*“But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.”*  
(James 3:14:16, NLT)

#### 2. He faced ENTICING moments.

*“Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.”*  
(James 1:14-15, NLT).

*“... 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. “With me in charge,” he told her, “My master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife....”* (Genesis 39:6-9, NIV)

#### 3. He had moments of FEELING forgotten.

*“But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.”*  
(Genesis 40:14-15, NIV)

*"The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him."  
(Genesis 40:23, NIV)*

## **What made Joseph unordinary?**

Joseph CONSISTENTLY made good choices.

*"In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:6, NIV)*

### **1. He chose to HONOR God when he faced opposition.**

*"My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.... How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9, NIV)*

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, KJV)*

### **2. He chose to PURSUE God in tempting moments.**

*"Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22, NIV).*

*".. And he left his garment in her hand and fled and went outside." (Genesis 39:12, NAS)*

*"Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed." (Mark 1:35, NKJV)*

### **3. He chose to TRUST God when all seemed lost.**

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding."  
(Proverbs 3:5, NLT)*

*"God sent me on ahead to pave the way and make sure there was a remnant in the land, to save your lives in an amazing act of deliverance. So, you see, it wasn't you who sent me here but God. He set me in place as a father to Pharaoh, put me in charge of his personal affairs, and made me ruler of all Egypt." (Genesis 45:7-8, MSG)*

### **ACTION STEPS**

- 1. Which of the three choices do you need to focus on? Mark in the prayer section of the connect card so we can pray for you.**
- 2. Need more help? Talk with our Solution's ministry team in the lobby.**

*"Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness."  
(Psalm 145:3, NLT)*