

"Joseph Runs" • Genesis 39

Mt. Lassen Community Church • November 16, 2025

Intro • "Few speed records are broken when people run from temptation"—why might this be the case?

Context • Judah in Genesis 38 seems out of place. But we can more fully appreciate Joseph's success in Genesis 39 because Judah stands in stark moral contrast to Joseph.

Discuss • What differences do you see between how Judah treats Tamar and how Joseph deals with Mrs. Potiphar?

39:1–5 • More context—Joseph prospers in Potiphar's home, and Potiphar prospers in turn as he entrusts everything into Joseph's capable hands.

Discuss • How can we turn everything over to Jesus, to be our "Joseph"? Time / Career / Relationships / Talents & Hobbies / Ministry / etc?

Vs 6–7 • Many young men in Joseph's situation would surely take advantage of the opportunity! But as we will see, Joseph *doesn't see a temptation*—he sees something else!

Vs 8–9 • Joseph refuses, because—

1 • he is mindful of what is at risk; all this would jeopardize; _____

2 • he is mindful of the "great evil" of violating the marriage covenant; _____

3 • he sees this as "sin against God"; _____

Vs 10 • "day after day" Joseph refuses to listen to her _____

Temptation can't get stronger if we *never* budge or compromise

*BTW • Joseph is presented as sinless in scripture (even though he is not!)
→ in his "perfection" Joseph points us to Jesus!*

Vs 11–12 • We see Joseph as running *from temptation*...

Even more, Joseph sees himself as running *from* _____

And from God's perspective, Joseph is running *towards* _____

Vs 13–16 • Running from Mrs. Potiphar might seem to have been a huge mistake, but God had a bigger plan!

Judah or Joseph? _____

Key: We don't win by fixating on the temptation—we win by fixating on the Cross of Christ!

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*1 CORINTHIANS 9:24 - DO YOU NOT KNOW
THAT THOSE WHO RUN IN A RACE ALL RUN,
BUT ONLY ONE RECEIVES THE PRIZE? RUN
IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU MAY WIN.*

Today's Sermon –

"Joseph Runs" Genesis 39:6-16
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