



## Bible study for the week starting February 4, 2024

### SHARE

Have you ever been tempted to do something you knew was wrong and you knew you probably wouldn't get caught? What helped you make the decision? Are you a person of good or questionable character? How do you make that determination?

Character "is who you are when no one is looking." In other words your decisions and your actions don't change because things change around you...

Today "No good thing goes unpunished" Joseph is wrongfully accused. Have you ever been wrongfully accused? How did you respond?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

#### 1. READ Gen 39:1-23 –

- How many times does it say the Lord was with Joseph? Does that bring comfort?
- What does Joseph say is the reason he will not succumb to the temptation of being with Potiphar's wife?
- Why do you think Potiphar put Joseph in prison and didn't kill him? How did God use even this event?

#### 2. Read Matthew 5:21-30 What is Jesus saying here? How important is your integrity?

#### 3. Read 1 Peter 3:17 – Why would God's will ever include any form of suffering? (Read 1 Peter 4:12-19 for further discussion)

### PRAY

Thank you Lord for being present in the pit, palace, and in prison. Help me to be a person of integrity no matter where I am in life or what is going on. Help me point to you for Jesus' sake. Amen.



## PRESENT IN THE PALACE OR THE PIT

Genesis 39:1-23

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“The LORD was **WITH** Joseph.” (Gen 39:2,21,23)

Shift from... “I’m not where I think I should be” to...  
“Maybe I am **WHERE GOD WANTS** me to be.”

God is present in the pit, in the palace, or even in **PRISON**.

The pervasive false gospel of prosperity:

“Individuals who **EXERCISE TRUE FAITH** in Christ will surely attain physical, material, and financial prosperity in this life.”

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to **HIS** riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

**YOUR INTEGRITY:**

1. Shouldn't change in different **CIRCUMSTANCES**.
2. Can't be dependent upon the **OUTCOME**.
3. Isn't the thing that makes you **RIGHTEOUS**.

“For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the **ONE MAN'S** obedience the many will be made righteous.” (Romans 5:19)

“May **INTEGRITY** and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.” (Psalm 25:21)

For next week please read Genesis 50:15-21