

Passage: Genesis 39

Title: And Whatever You Do, Do It for the Glory of God

Summary: A truly remarkable chapter in the Bible, as we see this young man Joseph give glory to God through his life by being a living sacrifice and witness as he withstands temptations and trials. Join us as we glean strength and lessons for our trials and temptations in life.

Genesis more than history book / It is His-story

It all begins here in Genesis. In chapter 3 we will see the first mention of the Messiah who would be bruised for our iniquities (sin), chapter 5 the gospel laid out before us in the meaning of each name. We will see genealogy after genealogy, but they will all drop off until we come to just one genealogy, the genealogy leading up to the Messiah. This Old Testament, starting with Genesis, is more than the history of the children of Israel and Jewish Nation, this is His-story.

Theme of this Book – for this is why He had to come:

From Paradise to Prison – back to Paradise:

(Genesis 3:15 NKJV) And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

(Genesis 3:15 noted) And I (God) will put enmity (hostility/hatred) Between you (satan) and the woman (mankind), And between your seed (demons) and her Seed (Jesus); He (Jesus) shall bruise your (satan) head, And you (satan) shall bruise His (Jesus) heel."

Outline:

Part 1 – The History of Major World Events (chapters 1-11) (spanning 2000+ years)

- The Creation of the World and Man (1-2)
- The Fall of Man (3-5)
- The Flood of the World (6-9)
- The Tower of Babel: the Dispersion of Man (10-11)

Part 2 – The History of the Major Families (chapters 12-50) (spanning approximately 350 years)

- The Life of Abraham (11-25)
- The Life of Isaac (25-26)
- The Life of Jacob (27-36)
- The Life of Joseph (36-50)

Life of Joseph / 25% of Genesis is Joseph / Creation - Fall - Flood - Fathers

Genesis 37 we now move into a new section, the life of Joseph. We will still see Jacob all the way until the end of the Book of Genesis, but the central person to the end will be Joseph. Joseph is a fascinating study, no doubt intended by God to be. Twenty-five percent of the Book of Genesis deals with Joseph. The book of the beginning of the universe, beginning of man, the fall of man, major world events such as the flood and tower of Babel, patriarch fathers that are the lineage of the Messiah who will bring man back into paradise, yet Joseph gets 25% of the print.

Joseph not Line of Messiah

Now Jesus does not come through the lineage of Joseph, He comes through Joseph's brother Judah.

Studying Joseph - See more Jesus / See Life Devoted to God / All Things Work for Good

Studying Joseph will help us see more of Jesus, for in the Scriptures Joseph is a picture, a type, an illustration of Jesus Christ. We have a wonderful example of a man sold out for God the Father. He will show us that it can be done, and that God will be there with us all along the way. We will see that even in what looks like disaster God is working all things together for good:

(Romans 8:28 NKJV) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

(Genesis 50:20 NKJV) "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Shows Us / Lets Cut the Lines - Go for It / Finish Well

Joseph shows us that it can be done, a life sold out for God. Christian, let's go for it, let's cut the lines, put the sails up, and let's live this Christian life to its fullest. Christian we only get one shot at this down here, let's go for it, let's not look back and wish and regret. Let us finish with power, and let us finish well:

(Hebrews 12:1 NKJV) Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

(Hebrews 12:2 NKJV) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*(1 Corinthians 9:24 NKJV) Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? **Run in such a way that you may obtain it.***

(1 Corinthians 9:25 NKJV) And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

Recap Last Study / Backdrop of Black / Temptation

We have seen that God gave Joseph a heavenly vision that someday he will rule over his family; that vision got him in a lot of trouble with his brothers. Those brothers waited for the opportune time and threw him in a pit, and then sold him off to a passing caravan. In chapter 38 we saw the story of Judah, and his failings in the area of fleshly lust; it is a wonderful backdrop, a backdrop of blackness, in order for us to see how bright of a light Joseph is. In this chapter we will see temptation come his way, and we will watch how the man of God is to react.

One of Greatest Chapters All the Bible (Vessels – Tools – Weapons)

This chapter is one of the greatest chapters of victory in the whole Bible. If we were to rank Old Testament, great victories, and we started to throw out stories of greatness surely David and Goliath ranks in the top of stories of great victory, and of course, what was great about David's story is after the victory Israel lived in victory and so there's this tying and correlating that victory brings prosperity if you would and yet we have a countering story here with Joseph, one of the greatest stories of victory in the Bible and yet we don't see his reward as prosperity, but more pain and suffering and so what we have here is a difference of man's economy and how we do things compared to God's economy and how he views things because he's doing more than the moment anytime all the time and in this story time before us today is that it's more than the moment he uses the culminations of moments to shape and to form a man or woman into his image into his vessel, that he can flow through, and we don't recognize it, but we are more than vessels. We're tools that God uses the shape and the chisel in the world. We're more than a tool and a vessel. We're weapons that God uses to fight the enemy and tear down and defeat. All that the world and people and even our flesh, even the church will say is impossible to have victory and your God will point to a man will point to a woman and say there's one there's a Victor and what it would be your excuse as you look at this young life of Joseph, how about Daniel refusing the king's delicacies? He's the same age as Joseph probably when he's in that chapter in that story they're in the book of Daniel we have before us one of the greatest victory stories in all of the Bible.

Whatever You Do!

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)

³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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Whatever You Do, Do It All For the Glory of God:

- In Tasks (39:1-6)
- In Temptation (39:7-19)
- In Trials (39:20-23)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

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- **In Tasks (39:1-6)**
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(Genesis 39:1 NKJV) Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.

(Genesis 39:2 NKJV) The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

I'll Take His Presence Over Any Place

Look at verse two as a compares to verse one surely Joseph this is not what I would chose for life. This is not my will for my life. I'm in a place that I have been abandoned by my family. I am put into a home that I'm no longer a free man to make my own decisions and yet first two will say and the Lord was with Joseph. isn't that something you know even when you're in a place you don't wanna be when you yield to it you say were you allow this? Maybe it's not my will. It's not what I would've chose, but I'm here in this place and you find what Joseph found the Lord was with me. The Lord is with me the Lord will be with you. You can rest in the There's a place where we yield just be honest. I don't want to be here as long as I'm here as long as you're here, we're gonna do this together and enjoy it sweetness of your presents because I will tell you this. I have the presence of the Lord in my life being in a place that I'd rather not be than being in some place then I wanna be, but his presence isn't there and I'm not experiences presence. I'm not it joy and in his presence fullness joy and life any place where he's at that's where I wanna be I love him and I know that he loves me and I know that he holds me and I know that he's doing something in me and I know there's a future to hope even when the present might not be what I hope for

Doesn't Pay to Serve God

Boy, I've heard it. I'm sure if I thought about it had been tempted as well, saying it doesn't pay to serve God. All I got out of this was pain, betrayal by my brothers cast off. then to come to be slandered. There's a man in the story of the Bible. It's Joseph, who could say, and become bitter at God, saying, it doesn't pay to serve God. All he brings is pain. But he didn't. He doesn't know at the end of the story is. But I think he has holding on to the vision. God gave him, and somehow knows it ends well. And I encourage you to hang on to your vision. I think the greatest vision is God's love for us. The picture of the cross

Joseph's victory in the midst of temptation and trials, started here in that he would not trade his intimate relationship with God over anything, he would not trade the presence of God in his life for anything!
I/You/We need to do the same>

What is Special about this Young boy

What's so special about this young man is that he loves God that's what makes him who he is and that's what makes you special a special treasure according to our brother Peter

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Hall of Faith

Joseph is remarkable young man, but you know why he is in the Hall of Faith, not for all these amazing things we will read of him, but that at the end of his life he says “bury me in the Promised Land”, though it is nowhere near, if fact it will be close to 400 more years

Hebrews 11:22 (NKJV)

²² By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

Genesis 50:24–26 (NKJV)

²⁴ And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” ²⁵ Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.” ²⁶ So Joseph died, *being* one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus 13:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.”

(Genesis 39:3 NKJV) And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.

Master Saw It

And I love it. We can see whatever it was about the countenance of Joseph leaning into the circumstance that he was in leaning on the Lord that the great Egyptian ruler recognizes that God's favor was upon Joseph. He doesn't even know who the one true and living God is, but he knows whatever it is about Joseph, it's more than Joseph. It's about this God that he believes in God that he follows in the God that he obeys. God's witnessing to this Egyptian ruler and everybody in the house through this young boy who is willing to not quit, but still follow heart after the Lord

Freest Person in House

You know who was the most freest person in this home? It was Joseph. because he was a slave, a servant to the one true and living God. Everyone else served Egypt. They weren't free. And the ruler's wife, she was the biggest slave in the home, and she was a slave to her sin. She was a slave to discontentment. She was a slave. to being controlled by her fleshly, lustly appetite, and not free to enjoy being loved by her creator who formed her in the womb. and fashioned her and gave her life and gave her breath. but was not content, wanted more. And she was the ultimate slave in this home, and Joseph was the ultimate, free man.

(Genesis 39:4 NKJV) So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.

(Genesis 39:5 NKJV) 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.

Joseph Successful / Slave – no BMW / Gets Want – Wants Gets

(Genesis 39:2 NKJV) The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; Joseph was successful, God says he was right here in this verse. See I need for God to say Joseph was successful because that is not the way my mind thinks. For my thought process how can you say that being a slave is something to be categorize in the successful file, but God does. We notice he does not own a BMW, or 60-inch flat screen TV, he was successful and he was a slave. A prosperous, successful person, is not someone who gets what he wants, but wants what he gets. Lord this is where you have me today; therefore let me be successful at it today. Go ahead and send your résumé to do what you feel is necessary for your family, but be successful where you are at until God opens that next door for you

Contentment – Great Gain

The Scriptures say, godliness with contentment is great gain. Contentment doesn't come from great gains, but contentment comes from being godly, and that comes from being in Christ Jesus, and living a life sold out for Him, anything else will leave you desiring more:

(1 Timothy 6:6 NKJV) Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

(1 Timothy 6:7 NKJV) For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

(1 Timothy 6:8 NKJV) And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

(1 Timothy 6:9 NKJV) But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

(1 Timothy 6:10 NKJV) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

(1 Timothy 6:11 NKJV) But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

Blessed at Work

Now I believe God wants to bless us in our jobs (whatever/regardless it is we do) because it brings Him glory. In the New Testament we are told:

(Colossians 3:22 NKJV) Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

(Colossians 3:23 NKJV) And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

(Colossians 3:24 NKJV) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Bloom where Planted / Be all There / Joseph Path – no Complain

Beloved, bloom wherever you are planted. Wherever you are, be all there, don't be somewhere else, don't be wishing you were somewhere else, day dreaming of being somewhere else, or waiting to be somewhere else; be all you are, wherever you are, and God will bless you where you are at, and move you when He deems it necessary and beneficial for you. We see Joseph going from working hard for his father, to working hard for Potiphar as a slave, then to working hard while he is in prison. What we won't notice is Joseph complaining, we just read of him working, and working hard. Good example for us.

Ministry Application / Don't wait until Tomorrow

This is application for Ministry also, don't be waiting for tomorrow's Ministry, be active in Ministry today, any kind of ministry you can. Use what talents you have today, don't wait for tomorrow's talents to come. Bloom where you are planted, and let God take care of tomorrow's ministries for you.

Potiphar saw Lord w/Joseph / Companies should Want

(Genesis 39:3 NKJV) And his master saw that the LORD was with him - Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph, and Potiphar recognised that he was being blessed because of Joseph's relationship with the Lord. Christian, companies and businesses should be looking for Christians and saying I want Christians to work for me. I want Christians because the Christians I have now are my best workers. Why don't they do this? It's a said statement for the church today.

Companies Blessed – God Providing

(Genesis 39:5 NKJV) 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. - I believe many companies and businesses are blessed by God because they are providing the livelihood for God's children. And those children are themselves being faithful with their finances to support the works of God in such thing as missions, tithing their church, and blessing the family of God.

(Genesis 39:6 NKJV) 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. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

This be Work Goal / Youth the Same / God looking Youth with Heavenly Vision

Let this be you were work goal, that your boss will reach a point with you that he doesn't even feel he/she has to look after your work to see if it is done and done right. You youth, the same for you, with your parents, be a Joseph and let your parents not have to look into the things they have entrusted you to do. Whether that be homework, chores around the house, where you are going, who you are with, be a Joseph's and let your parents not have to look after you to see the you are doing what they expect you to do. Remember, God is looking for youth today to whom He may give a dream to, in part a vision to, you

kids have it, I see it in you, continue on and holds steadfast to the path you are on, do not waiver, I see Joseph in you.

Handsome – Built / Looks and World / Never Develop

(Genesis 39:6 NKJV)Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. - Joseph was a handsome young man. It also says that he was handsome in the form, so it means that he was a well built. Joseph was a buff young man. You know looks aren't always the blessing the world makes them out to be. Madison Avenue promotes beauty; it's looks, looks, and looks. They never base cover girls on who has the best personality or sweetest heart. For some people looks are a curse to them, it opens doors for them that should not have opened, it puts them in relationships that destroy their lives, and for some people their looks keep them from developing as a person because they get the world handed to them on a silver platter. If you think looks will answer all your problems, you are greatly mistaken; they may just be the beginning of worse problems. It's a lie, cellulite reduction, breast implants, Rogaine; it's all a lie of the world, godliness with contentment is great gain:

(1 Timothy 6:6 NKJV) Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

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(Genesis 39:7 NKJV) And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

(Genesis 39:8 NKJV) But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand."

Satan sees the Threat

So here comes Satan when he sees this young man sold out for God, saying, we got to do something. We can't let this continue. We can't let him have this witness that other people will follow and go. There must be something real about what he believes because it sure does change his life. Brings him a peace and prosperity. I know let's send a girl to take them down. Maybe for others. I'll send some drugs, maybe for others. Let's send some places to click, maybe for some send some things to drink, to numb, whatever it may be, in this case, Satan said Send him a girl. He's a lonely young man, far away from home. Sold in the slavery. This one will surely work.

Truly a Temptation

Note this, this was truly a temptation before Joseph. Potiphar was a powerful man, and powerful men in those times married beautiful women. This was a trial for Joseph he was young and virile, and I am sure he could not help but notice her beautiful looks. The Egyptian women were the first to wear makeup, be daily, and to wear perfume. This was truly a trial for Joseph, yet we will see that he holds true to the calling of the Lord

Yes Christians Get Tempted

Temptation is real. Don't be beat up by it because if temptation wasn't real for the believer, the Lord would have never gave us that model and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from lead us. Just a daily prayer. It's a daily prayer. So don't beat yourself up. But enter into the battle. Take every thought captive. Even if it's ten thousand times a day. God will deliver you from the evil one who wishes to steal killing destroy.

It's a daily prayer

Matthew 6:9-15 (NKJV)

⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

¹⁴ "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

And what do you do if you failed? Do what David speak the word Psalm 51 against you and you only have I sinned, Lord. And then take what God has provided. 1 John 19, if we confess our sins, he's faithful and just for give us of our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. But, of course, I always know this if you didn't plan. and consider what the consequence would be, you may be forgiven, yes, but the consequence could be a lifetime. of reaping and sowing. to the flesh and the harvest and the fruit. a rotten fruit at that, that it will produce

1 John 1:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Fall when Discouraged / Sold – Ripped off – Cast Off - Forsaken / Holds to Heavenly Vision

You know when many Christians fall in this area? It is when they are discouraged, bummed out. Here is Joseph all alone, sold out by his brothers, ripped off, and cast off. He couldn't easily have said what is the use, nobody cares about me, my God has forsaken me, what have I done, how unfair I have been treated. How easily he could have said I need to check out, get some relief from all my struggles, but no Joseph is a man of integrity, a rock, I will not and I cannot. Joseph holds on to the heavenly vision god had given him.

First Step – Recognize (Then Resist & Rejoice)

The first step to the victory in the trial or temptation, especially the one regarding the temptation of the devil is to recognize that this is from the devil and that you if need be be honest that's the temptation is tempting, and the key word there is if the temptation is not tempting, then it's really not a temptation. If you put a big hot fudge Sunday before me, even if I say I'm trying to watch my diet, it shall be tempting to me because of my love for hot fudge Sundays with whipped cream and then drizzled again with chocolate syrup with a cherry or two on the top and then more hot fudge in the middle and then in the bottom also just to make my point of how I love those hot fudge sundaes. But see, if you put before me a big bowl of possum stew. I'm not going to be tempted. There won't be any inkling in me that I would want to eat of it in fact, more so it would make me crave that hot fudge sundae.

So the first part is to recognize that you can be tempted and that you are tempted and therefore the temptation has to be respected and revered for its potential damage that it can do. And then we walk our way through we resist only after we recognize because no recognition does not call for the battle lines to be drawn to resist, but once we resist through the power of the Lord by recognizing the threat and the need for the power to overcome then afterwards, we come to the rejoicing.

We rejoice that God showed up. We rejoice that God did what he said he would do deliver us from the evil one and that we can rejoice in the trowel that has now passed because now we have this victory that conforms us into a greater image of the Lord, not deforms us into the image of the old man and the fallen man, and we rejoice the god's working and has work. We rejoice, yes, that we can actually say praise you, Lord that I chose with my ability to choose that I chose to say no and to follow hard after you it's a beautiful place when we recognize we resist and we rejoice and you might go through that cycle once a day for 30 days or 30 times in a single day, but it's the same cycle for regardless how often the battle rages

James 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Confession – Part of Protection

Confession needs to be a part of our daily prayer life and I'm finding more and more great power in Daniel chapter 6 verse 10 as I look at Daniel and how he prayed three times a day, and I'm finding a power in that when I begin my morning devotion, I'm writing it and recording thoughts and recording verses that have spoken to me. I am recording intercession for others and petition and I'm looking back at the day

before and reviewing my day of was there where was there shortcomings failings or flat out sin that I need to confess and repent before the Lord for that sin and confession simply means to agree with. You have to be open to not be justified, but to be very honest with the Lord. I agree with you. this is wrong. That thought, that word, that action, contrary to your word, I repent, I turn away from, that's what repent means and I turn to fall hard after you.

And as I said, I fold that piece of paper up. and I'm going to pull it out like Daniel. A couple more times. Maybe around lunchtime to remind me because I am that man who looks in the mirror and forgets what he sees. Forget the power of the word, that I had because I started my day in that time with the Lord waiting Psalm 46:10 and being still before the Lord. And that's holy ground. And not to confuse geographically, when I get up from that special ground that I had with the Lord and I move about my day, the Lord goes with me. But what I find often is, my memory doesn't. And so I pull my piece of paper out, and I look at it again. And this time, rather than an hour, I spend maybe seven minutes. And then I repeat action. At the end of the day, because I may need to have that time again with the Lord to settle my mind from the day and all these things. Maybe add two the Thanksgiving of what God did in that day so that whatever it may be, I can go to bed and rest and not have a mind that's wandering or a mind that is under confusion and turmoil or worse, a mind that is thinking things that are not of the heart of God.

Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Daniel 6:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

James 1:22–25 (NKJV)

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

(Genesis 39:8 NKJV) But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.

(Genesis 39:9 NKJV) "There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

Pay some Compliments

Just a word to the married I don't think you'll ever go wrong. complimenting one another. Slowing down. to have conversation and intimacy. I wonder if the ruler was all wrapped up in his work. Didn't have time for his wife. Seemed that she was alone. Plenty of times. while he was away. But I think there's just some great wisdom and complementing one another, giving kind remarks. Given lovingly looks to one another. So no one even notices another look or complement. They don't need it from anywhere else. They get it all that they want from the one that they've committed themselves to.

Fear of Lord – Reverence / No Church / No MP3

And look at ultimately, Joseph, who he sins against would be God. That's how sin is and there's a victory when we look at our sin is against God cause it's easy to justify it when it's with man or in comparison to other men or the culture, but when we take it before the holy God, then everything changes the sin is put into its light, of its darkness, before the light of the Holy God.

Look at Joseph how interesting; he says your husband has given me everything except you. But notice he doesn't say I can't do this to your husband, I can't do this to you, no he says I can't do this to my God. It is the fear of the Lord, the love of the Lord, the recognition of the Holy God, the reverence and respect of God that keeps him from entering into this sin. I might add that Joseph doesn't have an OT to read, an MP3 library of great teachers, he doesn't have a church youth group, nor a Pastor, yet he holds fast to the things God has placed in his heart.

God Sees / Satan Cheers

Joseph knows that God sees. You singles dating, apply this, it's not just the two of you on the couch, in the car, be reminded of this story you are not alone, God is right there with you. Satan is there too, cheering you on, saying go for it, it's yours, this is true love, you're such a stud, you are accepted and loved, if you don't you'll lose him. Satan is there to cheer you on, know that.

Potential Mate / Satan Waits ' Desperate Housewives

Singles, considering a potential mate, look for that mate (like Joseph) who fears the Lord, that the fear of the Lord is greater than their love for you. We live in a "Desperate Housewives" society, adultery is being glamorised, more and more acceptable, actually expected to happen these days, after all till death do you part is a long time with the same person is the mindset. Satan will wait for that opportune time, for when you're arguing, a bad week with the kids, you may be having ill feelings towards your spouse, they may be reading and seeing things that they shouldn't be, and all those emotions are so easily influenced. The fear of the Lord must supersede all things. It will be the fear of sinning against the Holy God that will deliver you/them from each and every one of those situations in your life.

Great Wickedness

Verse 9 - How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" – great wickedness, we live in the day where this is no longer a great wickedness. But sexual sin is destroying America, robbing lives, and that is why God hates sin for what it does to people. Consider this, the freedom of sexual fulfillment:

- 12 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases each year.
- Two thirds of them are people under the age of 25.
- 3 million of them are under the age of 18, that's 30,000 new cases each day.
- 1 in 4 young girls will be sexually abused before they graduate high school.
- 1 in 10 boys will be sexually abused before they graduate high school.
- 34 million abortions in the last 20 years in the United States of America.
- There were 2 million abortions last year.
- Every 30 minutes, 23 girls under the age of 19 have an abortion.
- 65% of the High School Seniors who attend church say they have been sexually active in some way in their lifetime.
- Adult bookstores outnumber McDonald's now 3 to1.
- 70% of the pornography in America ends up in the hands of youth.

Not so Fun / TV absence / Fun for Season / Great Wickedness

This sexual freedom, the statistics don't make it sound so fun. Notice these things hardly ever get mentioned on those sexually laden TV shows they only portray the fun part. Yes sin is fun for a season, but like fall turns into winter, so will the season of fun turn into sorrow. Do not be deceived whatever a man sows, that shall he reap. It is a great wickedness against God. We need so desperately today young men and young women who have the heavenly vision just as Joseph did. We need more Joseph's in our day.

Joseph Processes the Future Resultant

And notice verse 9, Joseph processes all the way through the moment into the future of what is the consequence if he does this. It will not just be him and her, it will be the effect upon the husband, the marriage, and then he goes forward from all that, and there is a place for victory, to process beyond the moment, and go, how will this affect my life? After the sin. Because if and when you do that, you will say that you will process and go. Is it truly worth the moment for what the lifetime's gonna cost me and what I'm going to lose?

- How will this affect my family?
- How will this affect my children?
- How will this affect my grandchildren?
- How will this affect my employment?
- How will this affect my ability to make a living?
- How will this affect my freedom? How will this affect my reputation
- and how will this affect God's reputation?

These are things that you decide before the wartime, and hence, the vital necessity of staying in the regular devotional life, prayer life. Ministry serving life. I'm told in the army training manual, says, the way you train in peacetime is the way you will fight in wartime. We need to be training, preparing, thinking of these things in the time of peace. So when the war does come, we're ready for the battle.

**Ultimately Joseph Loved God more than himself
It takes a passion to conquer a passion**

It's A Great Wickedness

Verse nine Joseph calls it a great wickedness. Just the word wicked. should pierce. He calls it a great wickedness. He puts it in this place of what it is before the Holy God. Maybe the world won't put it in, such a category. But God does Joseph follows God's lead on the matter. and I encourage myself. I encourage you. anything that even remotely. comes to near or leads to the forerunner of wickedness. It gives out of your life. Don't tolerate it. Don't entertain. Call it what it is.

(Genesis 39:10 NKJV) So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.

Joseph's Wisdom

Verse 10 gives the wisdom not only would he not enter in and lie with her. The wisdom was that he wouldn't even be with her. He would change his pattern, his coarse direction, his time of day. And it's the simplicity of that wisdom. If you have a problem over there, then go the other direction. If you have a time of day that you're susceptible, then change where you go and what you do that time of day. Don't go to a bar to buy You're soda if you have a problem with alcohol.

Day-by-Day / Satan Persistent

Notice they're a by day! Satan is persistent he will not quit, Christian you cannot let your guard down because he will be there the day that you do.

Satan is Patient

So the scriptures tell us that Joseph is 17 when he sold into slavery we know that he'll be 30 when he leaves the prison. We know at a minimum he was in that prison for two years so he's in Potiphar's house for what we can easily gather to be several years and the point of that fact is that what we read is he did not withstand a one time approach by this wife. It was continual how many days, weeks, months even years it may have been we do not know and the point I would like to make it's very pertinent for all of us today is Satan is patient.

We read of his story there with John the Baptist being imprisoned that Satan waited the scriptures say for an opportune time that he can move again and kill John the Baptist because the people were for him so he used a little dancing girl to move the loft of a king who then will give a foolish decree up to half the kingdom and the requests would be made. Give me John the Baptist head on a platter and we see that the devil is patient. We see his goal is to still kill and destroy and he will take however long it is and wait for whatever opportunity to arise in order to execute and the pun isn't attended.

His mission to destroy the witness of your life to destroy you and then the dominoes of all the people in your life that will fall because of your one life willing to stand against the tide and destruction of the devil

[John 10:10 \(NKJV\)](#)

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

[Mark 6:21–25 \(NKJV\)](#)

²¹ Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief *men* of Galilee. ²² And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." ²³ He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom." ²⁴ So she

went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" ²⁵ Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

Joseph doesn't Witness / You'll get sucked in

Notice Joseph doesn't try to witness to her or try to counsel her on why this is wrong to do. Young guys and gals leave the witnessing to someone else, you'll only get sucked in, you may have good intentions but where your treasures are, there your heart will follow. You will find yourself being sucked in, developing a relationship with someone who isn't looking for spiritual fulfillment, but fleshly pleasures:
(Matthew 6:21 NKJV) "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Same in Marriage / Avoid Potential Problems – Possible Temptations

It is the same principle in the marriage relationship. Married men and married women you do not need to be ministering to someone of the opposite sex. Stay away from potential problems or possible temptations. Don't do it, remember this story. God will send someone else rather than risk you blowing your witness, and ruining your family and ministry.

Hero in History

I love Joseph, Joseph goes down as a hero in history, and history continually reads his story of a man of God. Beloved, go down in history as a hero.

(Genesis 39:11 NKJV) But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside,

No Inside – to Outside / A Ministry Principle

Satan could not get him from the inside, so he waits for that opportune time to get him from the outside. This is why our Ministry principle here is that men and women will not be left alone together; but there will always be accountability. We do not allow ministers to drive woman home alone, or to have mixed gender counselling behind closed doors (if it is needed it is out in the open, if behind closed door than another person is there). It is a great safety feature for all involved. We believe this keeps us away from all appearances of evil, and keeps people from laying false accusations against the ministry:

(1 Thessalonians 5:22 NKJV) Abstain from every form of evil.

(Genesis 39:12 NKJV) that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

Big Sleeves

There's those big sleeves again, be careful those big sleeve opportunities they can bring much problems. Joseph is innocent, but we can still look at this story and heed its warning for us, is the big sleeve opportunity really worth it? How will this promotion, new job, new home, new ministry effect me and my family. Big Sleeve opportunities, pray them through, don't just jump on them, make sure the Lord is in it.

Flees Youthful Lust

Look at this young man, he flees youthful lust.

(2 Timothy 2:22 NKJV) Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Don't Give Me Hormones Raging

Don't give me a story that the hormones are raging; Joseph (only 17) shows it is possible to resist the temptation, to put the body in check and to have dominion over his fleshly desires. Youth you can do it, God always will provide you a way out:

(1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

A godly pastor who you would think never had any struggles said this regarding himself:

A life of holiness means saying no to the flesh 10,000 times a day.

1 Peter 1:14–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

It's a life of discipline, 'cause if you notice, God doesn't remove the temptation. Satan brings it, but God doesn't remove it. And there's always this place that Christians want to say, I don't know why God won't remove this temptation, and the reason is because Satan will come immediately after with another temptation, and it will just keep coming until the Christian learns how to defeat the temptation. That is when Satan will know that he's defeated. However, he will keep sending it your way.

Where Flee To

Christian where are you to flee to when temptation comes? Look at the rest of verse 22 there in second Timothy:

(2 Timothy 2:22 NKJV) Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Share with Close One

See you are to leave the place of temptation and run to your brothers and sisters in the Lord. Run to that brother and sister (remember guys with guys and girls with girls) where you can find refuge, safety, where you can find someone who understands you and what you are going through.

(James 5:15 NKJV) And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

(James 5:16 NKJV) Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

(James 5:17 NKJV) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

(James 5:18 NKJV) And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

(James 5:19 NKJV) Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

(James 5:20 NKJV) let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Not Public Profession

I do not believe this verse means to stand up and confess all your sins before the church. I believe this verse means we are to have that one brother or sister in our lives who we can go to, and share our heart, pour out our heart, and they will listen and they will not judge us, they will not give us a sermon, they will not shove Scriptures Down our throats, rather they will be there to receive us, to pray with us, and to keep us accountable in the things that we struggle with, and the temptations that come before us.

(Genesis 39:13 NKJV) And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,

(Genesis 39:14 NKJV) that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.

(Genesis 39:15 NKJV) "And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside."

Not A Peep from Servants

Notice not a peep or a response from the servants I believe they all knew the character of Joseph. I believe they all knew the character of this woman. And as we read the ruler, and his anger was kindled, he puts Joseph in prison. If he really believed his wife's accusation, Joseph would have simply been a dead man. It would have been categorized as rape against an official's family in Egypt. In those days, Joseph would have been dead before the sunset. But he ends in prison. It's because I don't believe the ruler believed his wife's accusation. He compared her character that he knew that Joseph's character, that he knew, you came to the conclusion. She's lying. But because of an Egyptian lady charge against a foreigner, he has to do something. And so Joseph ends in prison.

(Genesis 39:16 NKJV) So she kept his garment with her until his master came home.

(Genesis 39:17 NKJV) Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me;

(Genesis 39:18 NKJV) "so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside."

(Genesis 39:19 NKJV) So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused.

She Rehearses / Sin Rallies – Sin Distances

Notice as she rehearses the story to the other men she tries to rally support for her cause? She includes the other workers (who most likely were jealous of Joseph and his big sleeves- why should he get the robe and not be?). So she works this to her advantage, she says the Hebrew mocks us (plural), your boss who you hate, look what he has done to me. But when she retells the story to her husband it is just her, he mocked me, and she makes sure that she points out to her husband that he was the one who brought Joseph into the home. She places the ultimate blame on him, her husband, she lays the guilt trip on him. This is what people do with sin, they try to distance themselves from it by rallying people to their side, and then placing guilt on someone else.

Whatever You Do, Do It All For the Glory of God:

- In Tasks (39:1-6)
- In Temptation (39:7-19)
- In Trials (39:20-23)

(Genesis 39:20 NKJV) Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

Now God Test Joseph

Verse 20 now is God's test as Joseph ends up in prison and I think in our lives this is the supreme test is when we do right, obey, and yet God doesn't come to our aid immediately in these adverse things come upon us and happen to us that this is the supreme test

The Supreme test will we still trust him and love him even when he doesn't come to our aid immediately even after we did what was right

I'm sure we all feel that when we do what's right, we should be immediately rewarded and immediately the lie of Satan dispelled, but that's not what we see here and that's not the way it always happens in our life, but God is still working in our lives

1 Peter 2 verse 19 says what credit is it when you're beaten for faults but when you do good and suffer if you take it patiently this is commendable before God the Lord saying, the ultimate test is when you do good and you still suffer. We know we do bad. We expect the suffering, the mocking, the slanderous comments, because we earned them, but how about when we do good stand firm and then it doesn't go the way that we had hoped. And then we get suffered and suffer for it, maybe even punished in a way for doing good. That's where God says that's commendable

[1 Peter 2:19–21 \(NKJV\)](#)

¹⁹ For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

Hardest Trial to Endure – False Accusations

Here is one of the hardest trials to endure this false accusations where you know you're innocent and yet you have been wrongly accused Misjudged. Slandered. Gossip. And there's nothing to clear your name because no one needs evidence to make accusations, false accusations. They just simply need to say it and find enough people to tell, to rally around them, to sell their stories. And it is shortly and truly one of the hardest trials to endure. as a Christian.

And just for us. When someone comes to bring an accusation about somebody. Covered your ears. Don't buy into it. No, there's always two signs to the story. Especially when the false accusations are against somebody. who has truth in a life of godly character.

Automatic Death Penalty

It's a shame for Joseph to be accused, he is probably the only moral person there in the whole Kingdom, any other man would have taken advantage of the situation and the opportunity. But this is interesting for in Egypt at that time Joseph's action would have been automatically the death penalty against him, and yet he only ends up in prison. We see God's protection over him. So Joseph goes from the pit, to a palace, then back to a pit, but before it's all over he will be back in a palace.

(Genesis 39:21 NKJV) But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Amazing What we Can Endure When Right Wirth the Lord

Verse 21 it's amazing what we can endure when we're right with the Lord. When we know that we're right with the Lord, doesn't matter what the world is saying about us. or anyone else. But when we know we're right, we don't mind. It's amazing with what we can endure. Because we know He's in it with us. We're not being disciplined. We're not being punished. We're being molded. We're being fashioned. We're being transformed. For thory. And we will emanate his glory through it when we're right with the Lord, there will be a different walk. There will be a different talk. regardless of what's being said, regardless of what is going on around us. There will be a pile they walks. There'll be powerful talk.'cause we have nothing to shame and nothing to hide from. And whatever we're in, we in it with us together. and we know He'll never leave us, no forsake of us. It's amazing what we can endure.

(Genesis 39:22 NKJV) And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.

(Genesis 39:23 NKJV) The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

James – Trials & Temptations

In James chapter one, as we counted all joy, what we see with the Lord is he always gives and provides a way out of the situation. that we might not sin, but the devil, when he presents it, he wants to close every door of opportunity to escape. And that's one of the ways that we can see. Where does this originate from and in our story today, I would say that the wife is not sent by the Lord, the Test Joseph, Satan heard the prophecy, vision, dream, and knows whatever the Lord's going to do, Joseph is a mighty piece of it in the future and he knows that the promise comes through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and therefore he wants to stop the fulfillment of the prophecy of whatever this greatness is regarding Joseph, because the devil wouldn't know at the time other than what he knows in the vision that Joseph was given,

and let it be known. God is all knowing. God is all present, and God is all powerful. Satan is not all knowing. He is not all power. His power is limited by God. His knowing is limited by God, and his presence is limited by God and we see a picture of that of Job, where Satan comes and goes before the throne of God, we see that he is not all powerful, that he has to ask God for permission to lay a hand upon Job, and he's not all knowing because if he was, he would know even after all that he did, Job wasn't going to succumb to him as he said to the Lord, let me touching, and he'll curse you

[James 1:2-4 \(NKJV\)](#)

[² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.](#)

But be that as it may, I don't need to ponder too long when a tough or temptation comes upon me is this from the Lord or is this from the devil? Because ultimately like the picture of Job, we know it must come through the God gate first for Satan to do anything, but in James chapter 1, we see and this is important that the Lord does not tempt us with evil. He does not tempt us with sin. So we may find ourselves in a fallen world and we have health issues or employment issues That does not.. That's a tate that that is evil, but I don't have to ponder it long to even determine it other than God's allowing this. So what shall I do so that at the end, I can count it all joy for what he has done in my life and the refiner's fire. However, some temptations are very clear and obvious that I may feel a drawing in my flesh, if you would, as I ride by an

old spot I used to hang out at it's totally different if someone showed up at the house with some vice and put it down on the table and say here, I brought this to you. I can say this isn't of the Lord because he's not gonna tempt me with evil. I know this is of the devil so I need to send him on his way and say depart from me you devil get behind me Satan

So here when it comes time for Joseph to flee because Satan is closing the noose around him, we can see that it's of the devil because the devil is trying to close the escape. Nobody's here time of day all alone every piece has been put in place for this perfect scenario. And it's obvious, everyone else is out of the house, and so whatever her mean and manner is, she is going full force and whatever it was before, it was subtle. eye movement and whispers and innuendoes, but this one is full on direct and Joseph flees as Satan tries to close the means to escape, but still yet, the Lord counters with providing a way out. Joseph didn't put himself in this situation. The devil created the situations and the Lord provided the means for the way out. Joseph took it and it's a picture. God will do the same for us. And he'll provide the means for the way out. Satan tempts with evil, God does not.

James 1:12–15 (NKJV)

¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

1 Corinthians 10:12–13 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

And let us know the wiles of the devil, in that he will bring a temptation in the midst of your trial, thinking that you are in a weakened state. Maybe, but maybe you will find it is the strongest place you have ever been.

And of course, very easy to see a temptation from God is to strengthen us to improve us to sharpen us. The devil's temptation will always be to destroy, to diminish. That if I yield into this thing, it's going to diminish my relationship with the Lord. And so as you evaluate some things and I know we can say that so obvious, but when you get into the midst of an emotional moment, whatever it may be, not just this fleshly example before us, You can take anything, even things that are spiritual, so called, that we can see if we yield to this I may feel spiritual, I may feel this is something to do with spiritual thing, but if it diminishes anything else anywhere else, spiritually, it wasn't of the Lord.

Prison for Doing Right / Do it Because He is Holy

Joseph is thrown in prison for doing what is right, what is good; bad things do happen even when you are obedient, but God is in control we must trust that. But even still, even if you don't end up saving the world, you still do it because God said to; He is a Holy God, and that is why we do what is right, to please our Lord.

Rises to Top / God loves Using people Like Joseph / Write History

Wherever Joseph goes he rises to the top. God loves using men and women like Joseph. Those that are upright, righteous, a man or woman after God's own heart and everything that he or she does from their work to their play, it's only one way for that person, and it is the way of Jesus Christ. You may not like the situation; you may wonder what God is doing, but you will never know, you may be writing history.

Christian Cut it off Now / Chat Room – Coffee Break / Be a Joseph

Christian if you were playing around today, you are engaged in some inappropriate behavior, you have to run now, cut it off, burn it, and disconnect it. Whether it is a coworker, fellow student, a chat room, or coffee room, cut it off – be a Joseph.

God not Messing Around / Revelation

God does not mess around in the area of sexual immorality. When he wrote to the seven churches in the book of Revelation he specifically addressed to them and point out to them His disgust over the sexual immorality that had entered into those churches and the individuals:

(Revelation 2:12 NKJV) "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:....."

*(Revelation 2:14 NKJV) "But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, **and to commit sexual immorality.**"*

(Revelation 2:18 NKJV) "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

*(Revelation 2:20 NKJV) "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My **servants to commit sexual immorality** and eat things sacrificed to idols.*

Settle it Right Now / Never too Late to Repent

Christian you need to settle right now that it is over. Whatever it is, it is not too late to end it, it is never too late to repent. We see that in that letter to the seven churches for God still says to them to repent before I have to deal with you and deal with you harshly:

(Revelation 2:16 NKJV) 'Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

(Revelation 2:26 NKJV) "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations;

Joseph Picture of Christ / His Blood Empowers Us – Cleanses Us

Joseph is the picture of Jesus Christ, of how to handle such situations - run. Jesus showed us at the cross that we have the power over these things, we are free from these things, it is by His blood that He enables us to have victory over these things:

(John 8:36 NKJV) "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

(Romans 6:6 NKJV) knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

(Romans 6:7 NKJV) For he who has died has been freed from sin.

(Romans 6:8 NKJV) Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

(Acts 3:19 NKJV) "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

(Philippians 4:13 NKJV) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Don't Trade

Beloved, don't trade the cheap and empty things of this world for that which is full, weighty, and everlasting. Look at Joseph, what an example and what great lessons.

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your* reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)

³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Outline: Genesis 39

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- In Tasks (39:1-6)
- In Temptation (39:7-19)
- In Trials (39:20-23)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*