

GOING DEEPER STUDY NOTES (September 3, 2023)

FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP STUDY

Adultery was considered a great sin in ancient times, and punished with the maximum penalty. Joseph knew this and he protected himself from the temptation to be seduced by the sinful woman. He did not want to ruin God's plans for his life, nor his integrity nor the confidence and power that his Egyptian Master had given him. In this story, Joseph's rejection of Potiphar's Wife's seduction cost him his freedom and a long period of suffering, but in the midst of the storm and tribulation. Joseph knew that God was always with him, that he would keep him from all harm, and that in the end. God would give him the victory, because the LORD was with him, and whatever he did the LORD made it succeed.

Wrongly Accused (Genesis 39:1-19) ESV

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."⁸ But he refused 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 you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"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.¹¹ But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house,¹² she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.¹³ And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house,¹⁴ she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.¹⁵ And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house."¹⁶ Then she laid up his garment by

her until his master came home,¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me.¹⁸ But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

1. What does this story tell us about Joseph's faithfulness to God?
2. What does this passage say about God's plans for His people?
3. What does this story tell us about the wicked woman?
4. What would you do if you were in Joseph or Potiphar place?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

5. What does it mean to be an honest and faithful man?
6. What did you learn from what Joseph experienced?
7. What does living for God mean to you?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

8. Why did God take care of Joseph and His flock all the time?
9. What plans did God have for Joseph and his people?
10. Why everything that Joseph did, the Lord made it succeed?

As you spend time praying remember that prayer is meant to be the most natural, easy, and empowering, part of your day. Prayer is talking to God, and God talking to you. Ask God to help you make the right decisions, and trust in God's Holy Promises.

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6