

A Template for Disaster

Joseph

The Ragged, Rotten, & Refined

Characters of the Bible

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But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people. Genesis 50:19-20

The Story of Potiphar’s Wife

So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn’t worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat! Genesis 39:6a

Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, and Potiphar’s wife soon began to look at him lustfully. “Come and sleep with me,” she demanded. Genesis 39:6b-7

But Joseph refused. “Look,” he told her, “my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. Genesis 39:8

No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.” Genesis 39:9

<p>She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible. Genesis 39:10</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work. Genesis 39:11</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, "Come on, sleep with me!" Joseph tore himself away, but he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house. Genesis 39:12</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>When she saw that she was holding his cloak and he had fled, Genesis 39:13</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>She called out to her servants. Soon all the men came running. Genesis 39:14a</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>"Look!" she said. "My husband has brought this Hebrew slave here to make fools of us! He came into my room to rape me, but I screamed. Genesis 39:14b</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>When he heard me scream, he ran outside and got away, but he left his cloak behind with me." Genesis 39:15</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>She kept the cloak with her until her husband came home. Genesis 39:16</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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Then she told him her story. “That Hebrew slave you’ve brought into our house tried to come in and fool around with me,” she said. Genesis 39:17	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
“But when I screamed, he ran outside, leaving his cloak with me!” Genesis 39:18	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife’s story about how Joseph had treated her. Genesis 39:19	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison <u>where the king’s prisoners were held</u> , and there he remained. Genesis 39:20	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Joseph teaches us 1. We really need to pay attention and be ready!	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. 1 Peter 5:8	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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<p>having faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and have shipwrecked the faith. 1 Timothy 1:19</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>We let others down (There are always consequences.).</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, Galatians 6:7</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>We let God down.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Against you—you alone—I have sinned and done this evil in your sight. Psalm 51:4</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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<p>Stay away from every kind of evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:22</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. Matthew 5:29</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<p>If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. John 15:18</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><u>Every time you defeat a temptation, you become more like Jesus!</u> <u>Rick Warren</u></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>