

# SESSION 6





# CHANEET MIT

Chanee is an Omaha native, and had a difficult upbringing. After getting involved in the gang and drug life, he spent a lot of time in jail. While there, he found himself wanting more in life, so he surrounded himself with others seeking God. One day while watching a Brookside service, he received Christ in his heart. "God's working His plan in my life," says Chanee, but that doesn't change the fact that he still contends with addiction and temptation every day, even in his recovery. In those moments, he finds it's best to let God take over and surrender to Him. And he gives all credit to God for how he's been able to show strength in his battles.

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(QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY JESSICA TIPPERY)

## READ GENESIS 39:1-23

Genesis 39 is dominated by the attempted seduction of Joseph by Potiphar's wife, where she tries repeatedly to get him to sleep with her. Joseph resists this temptation, and his ultimate reason is stated in v. 9, "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" Joseph shows a hatred for sin and a big view of God — helping him successfully fight this temptation. Nevertheless, Joseph is betrayed and unjustly sent to prison. Even here we see that God's presence and favor stays with Joseph in this difficult moment.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean when it says "The Lord was with Joseph"? What is the significance in mentioning this?

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2. How does Joseph prosper? Does following the Lord mean you will prosper as Joseph did? Read Psalm 1:1-3 to help with your answer. (Hint: Be sure to note how Psalm 1 defines prosperity!)

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**3.** What is Joseph's reason for refusing Potiphar's wife?

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**4.** The Lord consistently saves Joseph from difficult situations. What does this tell you about God?

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**5.** Can you fight temptation without the Lord's help? Why or why not?

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**6.** Are there similarities between Joseph's story here in Genesis 39 and what Jesus experienced here on earth? How so?

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Joseph refuses Potiphar's wife's advances "day after day". Does the frequency or proximity of temptation give one an excuse to sin? Does it matter what the sin is?
2. Sometimes temptation can be so strong God calls us to literally run from it. Is there temptation in your life that you need to "run" from? Share this with God or someone to bring that sin into the light.
3. Where does temptation come from? Refer to 1 Corinthians 10:13 and James 1:13-15 to help with your answer.
4. How do you react to this reality we've seen in the passage — that sometimes even doing what is right can lead to hardship? Explain your answer.
5. Joseph trusted God in the midst of temptation and hardship. What steps can you take to trust God when you are faced with seemingly impossible situations?