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Potiphar's house Ch. 39

- ❖ Joseph's training...
- ❖ Officer of Pharaoh
 - ❖ Captain of Bodyguard – trusted by Pharaoh
 - ❖ Again, Joseph is favored...
 - ❖ Did he learn how to deal with favoritism?
 - ❖ God is teaching many things...

Power and prestige

- ❖ Blessed house because of Joseph
 - ❖ Do we get this?
 - ❖ God is blessing around us... light, salt...
- ❖ “everything he owned” (6)
- ❖ ‘Ordering from the menu’ living...

Secret of my 'success'?

- ❖ A good looking servant...
- ❖ Catches the eye of the “boss’s wife”
- ❖ What is the real course for Joseph?
 - ❖ Temptation is a life-long companion
 - ❖ James 1:12-17 – Don’t be deceived~

What could be wrong?

- ❖ The woman was:
 - ❖ Probably neglected by her husband
 - ❖ Use to getting her way in anything
 - ❖ Not use to Egyptian slaves denying her!
- ❖ What slave would not use the opportunity??
- ❖ So, what was Joseph's problem???

Truths for Joseph

- ❖ A normal man with needs: flattery!
- ❖ Not unaware of the beauty and power
- ❖ Could have made excuses for the action
- ❖ Tempted to take the easy way to success
- ❖ Aware that a misstep here would cost a lot!
- ❖ Tempted on a daily basis by her advances (10)

Sin against God

- ❖ No 10 Commandments... no Law...
- ❖ Joseph's rejection was:
 - ❖ Respectful and non-judgmental of her (wise)
 - ❖ Based on the Potiphar's trust in him (8-9a)
 - ❖ Based on the reality that it is "great evil"
 - ❖ Based on the FACT that ALL sin is against GOD!

Joseph responds...

- ❖ Joseph's response was unheard of!
- ❖ Wife does not let up! Day after day...
- ❖ Sets up the perfect seduction... (11,12)
- ❖ Joseph does the only wise thing... RUN!!
- ❖ 1Cor 6:18;10:14; 1Tim 6:11; 2Tim 2:22; Prov 2,5

Household Response

- ❖ Keeps garment
- ❖ Humiliation & character assassination
 - ❖ Make sport of 'us' (14)...
 - ❖ you brought to 'us' (17)
 - ❖ So, blames Potiphar in the end!!!

Jealousy's fire

- ❖ Potiphar never questions Joseph... anger!
- ❖ Beware if anger is in control and you aren't
- ❖ What happened to all his trust of Joseph?
- ❖ Puts him in with "political prisoners"
- ❖ Note: everyone losses here...