



Sermon Title: What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do

Series: When Life Doesn't Make Sense

Passages: Genesis 39

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Drawing near to Jesus is the best thing you can do on your worst day.

Genesis 39:1–21 (CSB)

¹Now Joseph had been taken to Egypt. An Egyptian named Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and the captain of the guards, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him there.

²The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, serving in the household of his Egyptian master.

³When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made everything he did successful,

⁴Joseph found favor with his master and became his personal attendant. Potiphar also put him in charge of his household and placed all that he owned under his authority.

⁵From the time that he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house because of Joseph. The Lord's blessing was on all that he owned, in his house and in his fields.

⁶He left all that he owned under Joseph's authority; he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome.

⁷After some time his master's wife looked longingly at Joseph and said, "Sleep with me."

⁸But he refused. "Look," he said to his master's wife, "with me here my master does not concern himself with anything in his house, and he has put all that he owns under my authority.

⁹No one in this house is greater than I am. He has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. So how could I do this immense evil, and how could I sin against God?"

¹⁰Although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her.

¹¹Now one day he went into the house to do his work, and none of the household servants were there.

¹²She grabbed him by his garment and said, "Sleep with me!" But leaving his garment in her hand, he escaped and ran outside.

¹³When she saw that he had left his garment with her and had run outside,

¹⁴she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "my husband brought a Hebrew man to make fools of us. He came to me so he could sleep with me, and I screamed as loud as I could.

¹⁵When he heard me screaming for help, he left his garment beside me and ran outside."

¹⁶She put Joseph's garment beside her until his master came home.

¹⁷Then she told him the same story: "The Hebrew slave you brought to us came to make a fool of me,

¹⁸but when I screamed for help, he left his garment beside me and ran outside."

¹⁹When his master heard the story his wife told him—"These are the things your slave did to me"—he was furious

²⁰and had him thrown into prison, where the king's prisoners were confined. So Joseph was there in prison.

²¹But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him. He granted him favor with the prison warden.

How do I know I'm making the right decision?

1. What does God's Word say about this?
2. Have I prayed about this?
3. What do those disciplining me say about this?
4. Can I remain faithful to Jesus after I make this decision?

What if I still don't know what to do?

The Spirit will always lead you to make the right decision.

Study Questions

- How does knowing your purpose in life help you make a decision before you even need to make a decision?
- Are you usually able to make wise, biblical decisions?
- Is it easier for you to make small decisions or large ones? Why?
- From the Sermon: Chase offered four questions that will help you discern what to do when you are faced with a decision you need to make. Which of these questions do you need to ensure you ask the next time you are trying to discern what decision you should make?

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