

Joseph

Pt.3 – Don't Give In

Matthew 7:1-5 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ²For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

Principle: When I am faithful, I am blessed.

Gen. 39:1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. ²The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.

Safeguards against giving into temptation:

Stay humble.

³When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, ⁴Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

Prov. 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Principle: When I am faithful, others are also blessed.

⁵From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.

⁶So he left in Joseph’s care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Attach myself to faithful people.

Warning: God’s blessing does not keep me from temptation.

⁶Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!”

Count the cost.

⁷...his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” ⁸But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my

care. ⁹No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

Keep resisting!

¹⁰And though she spoke to Joseph day after day,...

Refuse to give in.

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

Avoid temptation zones.

¹⁰And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her...or even be with her.

Run!

¹¹One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. ¹²She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

I Cor. 6:18 Flee sexual immorality.

II Tim. 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call upon the Lord out of a pure heart.

Principle: Resisting temptation may not bring about the desired result.

¹³When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, ¹⁴she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁵When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." ¹⁶She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." ¹⁹When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. ²⁰Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

God's blessings follow obedience and faithfulness!

Stay humble.

²⁰But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²²So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³The warden paid no attention to

anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

With God's help, I can be faithful and stay faithful.