



Series: Genesis: The Foundations for the Coming of Christ

Title: Resisting Temptation Amidst Suffering

Scripture: Genesis 39

October Memory Verse: *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."* **Romans 8:28-30**

How do I resist temptation amidst suffering?

1. Live with a constant awareness of God's presence. (Prov. 5:21)
 - a. Spirit - The Lord is with and blesses me. Live it!
 - b. Word - Remember the Lord is true to His Word. Trust it!
 - c. Love - The Lord shows His steadfast love (*chesed*) and favor. Receive it!
2. Guard my posture.
 - a. Witness: People notice the Lord's presence and blessing on me. Act accordingly.
 - b. Integrity: Know my responsibilities well, and don't let success or suffering compromise my integrity.
 - c. Gaze: Fix my eyes on the Lord and don't abuse the privilege and power I've been given. (Prov. 4:25; Heb. 12:2; Psalm 119:37)
3. Practice for Pressure.
 - a. Name sin: Call sin "sin," not a "mistake."
 - b. Flee sin: Plan my escape before the heat rises.
 - c. Entrust me: Commit myself to God, who judges justly, during unjust suffering. (1 Peter 2:19-24)

In the end, this isn't about Joseph, you, or me resisting temptation. It's about Jesus, who resisted every temptation amidst suffering, so that when we fall, we have the Savior, and when we stand, we stand in the Savior's strength.