

## **Dreamer: The Life of Joseph** **A Study in Genesis 37-50**

Joseph's Integrity  
Genesis 39:1-23  
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"How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"  
And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen  
to her, to lie beside her or be with her. -Genesis 39:9-10

### **I. THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH**

- Where the Lord's blessing is absent from Joseph's brothers, it is present with him (Gen. 39:2, 3, 21, 23).
- Even in dire circumstances Joseph works hard, acting on his blessings and finding favor wherever he goes (Gen. 39:3-6, 9, 22-23).
- In hindsight we now can see—all things are working toward Joseph's good (Gen. 50:2; Rom. 8:28).

### **II. FLEEING TEMPTATION**

- Joseph's temptation was real, present, and virtually unavoidable. It would have served him well to acquiesce. Nevertheless, he resisted (Gen. 39:6-10; James 4:7-8).
- Joseph refused not only to sleep with his master's wife, but to even engage in pre-sexual activity (Gen. 39:10).
- When the temptation turned to a physical confrontation, Joseph chose to flee (Gen. 39:12; 1 Cor. 6:18-20, 10:12-13).
- Joseph's integrity brought upon him a false accusation of attempted rape, loss of position and privilege, his master's wrath, and prison. Nevertheless, it was the right thing to do.
- Confined to prison, Joseph rises to prominence. You can't keep a good man down (Gen. 39:20-23).

### **III. WE GET WHAT WE NEED**

- Life is hard at times, temptations are real, but God gives us all we need (2 Peter 1:3-8).
- The mystery of godliness has been solved (1 Tim. 3:16).

**KNOW:** Temptation comes in many subtle ways. Sometimes, however, it is overtly obvious. Either way, believers are equipped to overcome it. We win the battle against temptation with better promises.

**DO:** Fight fire with fire. God offers better promises.

#### **Suggested Reading:**

*Passion and Purity* by Elisabeth Elliot (LifePoint Library #646 ELL)

*Eros Defiled* by John White (LifePoint Library #261 WHI)

#### **Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families**

##### **Please Read Genesis 39:1-23**

1. What seems to be the overarching theme of this chapter?
2. How can we say that "the Lord was with Joseph" when we read about all of his hardships? What does this teach us?
3. Joseph is put under great pressure by Potiphar's wife. What steps does he take to minimize the pressure?
4. Why does Potiphar's wife turn from desire to hatred?
5. What are some lessons we can learn from both Joseph's and Potiphar's wife's reactions? How does sin and temptation work in people's lives?
6. Joseph goes from bad to worse, and yet his reaction seems to be what?
7. How do we ensure the Lord's favor in our lives?