

# *From Slavery to the Slammer*

Genesis 39 // March 5, 2023



## **PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND**

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

## **REFLECT/CONNECT**

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What quality do you admire most in others?

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Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

## **GROW IN THE WORD**

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



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After having been sold into slavery by his brothers, the Lord was with Joseph, blessed Joseph, and made all that he did prosper. Joseph's master, Potiphar, saw the Lord's blessing on Joseph and made him overseer of his house and all that he owned (v. 1-5).

- What do you think the author is trying to communicate about God in these verses? Consider how many times he refers to the Lord.

- Why did God bless the Egyptian slave owner Potiphar's household? See Genesis 12:1-3.

Joseph was tempted regularly by Potiphar's wife to sin sexually. Because of his loyalty to Potiphar and his faithfulness to God, Joseph refused to succumb to temptation. As a result, Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph of attempting to get in bed with her (v. 6-18).

- How would you describe the admirable character qualities that Joseph displayed in this story?
- What private sin led Potiphar's wife to try and seduce Joseph? Compare translations of Genesis 39:7 to get a broader understanding of the verse. See also James 1:14-15; Matthew 5:27-28.
- What does Joseph do to escape temptation? Compare his response in verses 8-9, 12, to the actions of the young man in Proverbs 7:6-27.

In what ways can you imitate Joseph as you face your own temptations to sin?

Potiphar believed his wife's lie about Joseph and threw Joseph into the king's prison. The Lord continued to bless Joseph and in His kindness gave Joseph favor in the sight of the prison warden. The warden put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners, and Joseph prospered (v. 19-23).

- What's your reaction to the reward Joseph received for pursuing integrity and purity?
- In the midst of repeatedly being mistreated without cause, what hope can you uncover as you get a behind-the-scenes look at God's work in Joseph's life?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, March 7 | 7 pm | 410 Campus

Ladies, we'd love to have you join us for an evening of worship, prayer, hearing powerful testimonies from Wayside women, and fellowship. Learn more and register online!

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