

DREAMS AND DETOURS
Lessons from the Life of Joseph

TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS

Genesis 39:6-23 Jeff Schreve

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And it came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." Genesis 39:6-7

How can you be victorious over the temptations of the flesh?

1. Temptations of the flesh are a part of life; no one is immune.

- A. Temptation hits hardest when things are going well.

A man's pride will bring him low. Proverbs 29:23

- B. Temptation comes to us on a regular basis.

*And it came about as she spoke to Joseph **day after day**, that he did not listen to her to lie beside her, or be with her.*

Genesis 39:10

- C. Temptation is not to be confused with sin.

*But each one is tempted when he is carried away and **enticed** by his own **lust**. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.*

James 1:14-15

2. Temptations of the flesh are defeated with the truth.

"How then could I do this great evil, and sin against God?" Genesis 39:9

- A. Sexual immorality is a great evil.

- B. Sexual immorality will wreck and ruin your life.

But the man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys himself. He will be wounded and disgraced. His shame will never be erased. Proverbs 6:32-33 NLT

- C. God's will for you is sexual purity—don't be deceived!

It is God's will that you keep away from sexual sin as a mark of your devotion to him. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 GW

D. When sexual temptation grabs you, flee it don't fight it!

Now flee from youthful lusts 2 Timothy 2:22

3. Sexual purity does not produce immediate results.

Now it came about when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," that his anger burned. So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. Genesis 39:19-20

A. You will pay a price.

B. You will please the Lord.

***But the LORD was with Joseph** and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. And the chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it. The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge **because the LORD was with him**; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper. Genesis 39:21-23*

C. You will prepare yourself for future promotion.

*"Well done, good and faithful slave; **you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things**"*

Matthew 25:21

There is grace for the fallen ... and victory for the faithful.