

The Shaping of A Man

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“Resisting Temptation”

Genesis 39:7-10 (7) And it came to pass after these things that his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, “Lie with me.” (8) But he refused and said unto his master’s wife, “Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; (9) here is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife; how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (10) And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he harkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.”
(KJV)

SUMMARY:

How did Joseph respond to Potiphar’s wife’s advances? When the temptation became so strong, he fled before his flesh had a chance to overcome his spiritual resistance. Because of Joseph’s faithfulness and obedience to God in all of the 3se situations that we find in Genesis 37-41, God says to us in His Word that He was with Joseph every time.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: We all face many different temptations, some of them every day. Name several that men in particular face. (You will find that many are not obvious.)

Discussion:

- Name some differences between physical and spiritual temptation.
- Can you always flee from temptation? If not; how do we deal with these temptations when we cannot physically avoid being present?
- We see that God will always be with us when we are obedient and resist temptations. What can we expect from Him in our times of failure?

APPLICATION:

- Develop ahead of time a plan by which you can run from the thoughts when you are tempted.
- Be aware that God is always watching
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 says, God will “... comfort us in all of our tribulations, that **we** may be able to comfort them which are in **any** trouble...”

ON YOUR OWN...

Read: Psalm 34:19 Proverbs 5:15-23
Romans 8:28 Proverbs 3:5

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