



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 39:11-23

Title: Joseph, God Builds a Man, Part 2

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Discussion Starter – How have you seen God’s Sovereign Hand in your life working in trials, persecutions, and even triumphs? What character traits do you see Him developing in your life?

Read Genesis 39:1-6

- 1) Why might a person in Joseph’s situation say that God had abandoned him? What can we infer about Joseph thoughts of his situation at this time?
- 2) How long do you think Joseph labored until he was promoted to the position of responsibility? What might he have been thinking during this time?
- 3) What did Potiphar recognize in Joseph that led to his promotion?
- 4) Who was Joseph serving? How was he able to overcome the seeming unfairness of his situation? Read Hebrews 11:27. How did Moses stand strong in the face of Pharaoh?
 - a) Who do you serve throughout your day? What different impact will our life have when we clearly understand Who we serve and why we do what we do?

Read Genesis 39:7-12

- 5) How often was Joseph faced with significant temptation? What attitudes do we see in Joseph that we can adopt to provide a positive defense against similar temptations?
- 6) Read 1 Cor 6:18. How does the Bible instruct us to deal with sexual temptation? Why is this direction so firm and specific?
 - b) How do reverence, gratitude, and respect for authority equip us to honor God in our daily lives?

Read Genesis 39:13-23

- 7) How did Potiphar’s wife react to Joseph’s godly resistance to temptation? What accusations did she make? How are her 2 accusations typical of excuses for sin that we hear even today?
- 8) What was the basis of her outrage against Joseph? What was Joseph’s punishment?
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- 10) How did Joseph see his situation in prison? How did God continue to work? How long do you think Joseph labored until he found favor in the sight of the keeper?
 - c) How does God call you to respond when faced with opposition or difficult circumstances, even when you are blameless? (Hebrews: 6:12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) How do you embrace God’s larger plan for your life?
 - d) In retrospect, we see God working in Joseph’s life to prepare him for a large calling. How can you better work with God and embrace His work in your life?