

“RESISTING TEMPTATION”

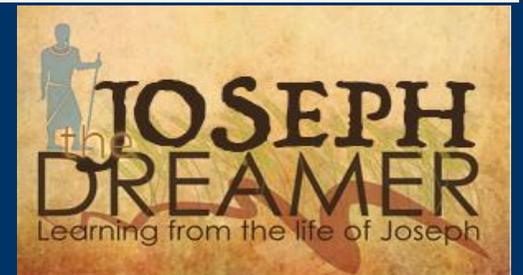
(Genesis 39)

Life of Joseph - Sermon 2

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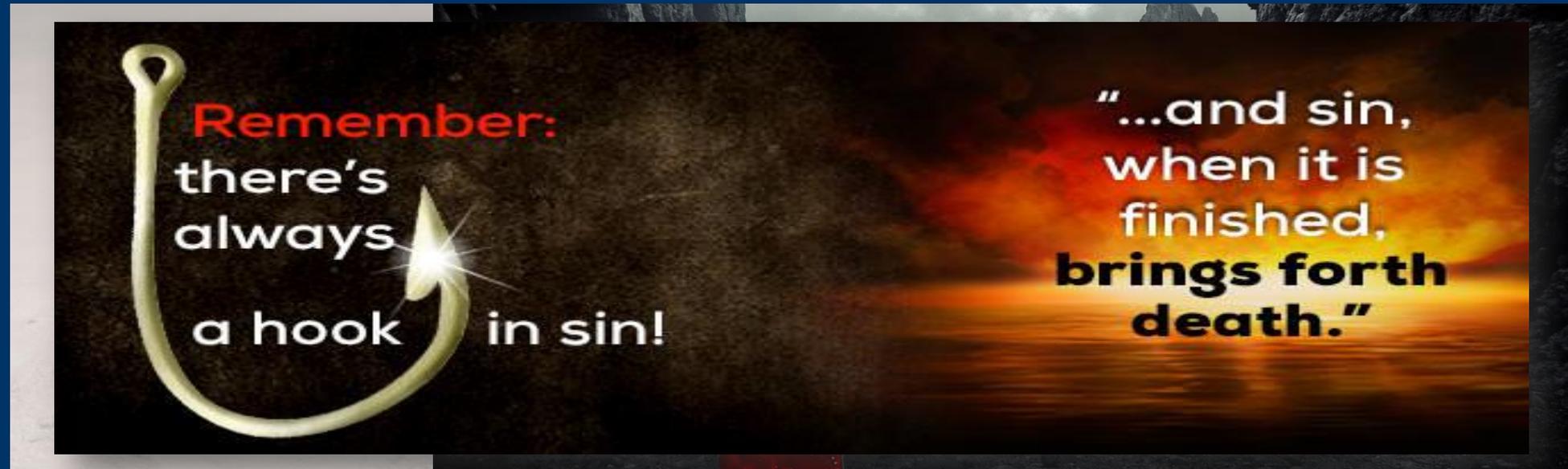
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INTRODUCTION

How an Eskimo hunter kills a wolf.



Many people yield to the temptation for the same reasons that the wolf begins licking the blade of the knife.

I. THREE TYPES OF TEMPTATION

How to stop a **KING KONG** lust with a **PIN** seize will.



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Power

Lifestyle

Sensual



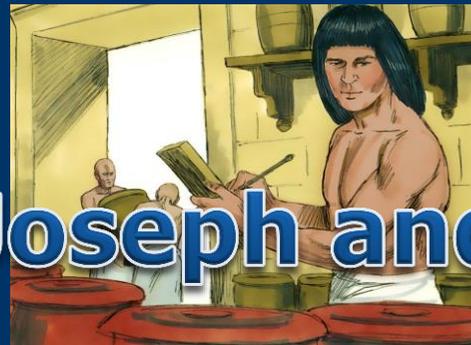
II. THE HISTORICAL SITUATION

Gen 39:1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

2 The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.

A. No mention of how long as a slave

B. No mention of the difficult adjustments



God was with Joseph and He bless him.

II. THE HISTORICAL SITUATION

Gen 39:3 When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did,

4 Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant.

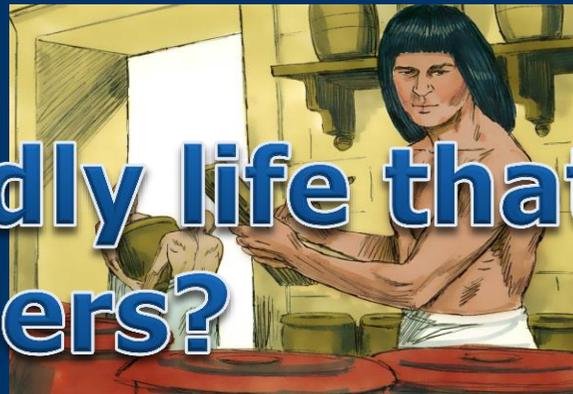
Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

A. His master saw God was with him.

B. He found favor in His master's eyes.

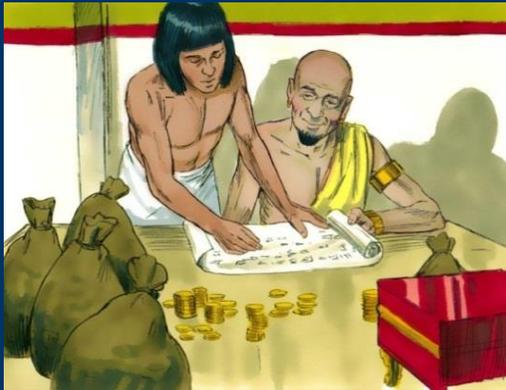


Do we live a godly life that earns respect and trust of others?



II. THE HISTORICAL SITUATION

Gen 39:5 From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.



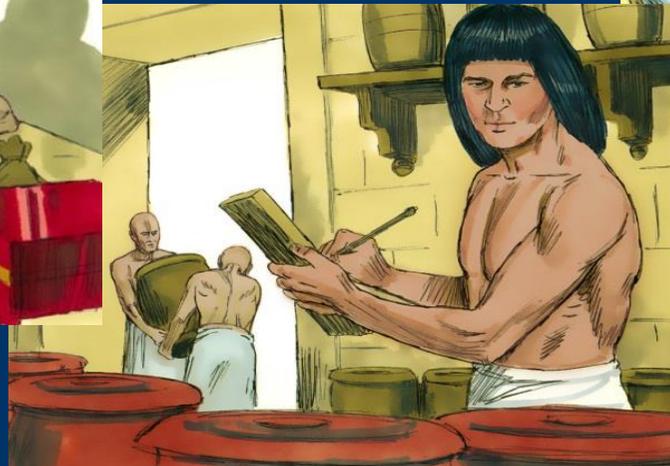
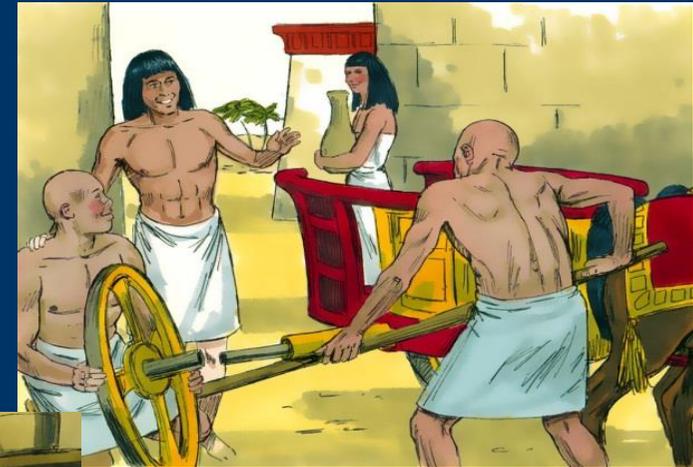
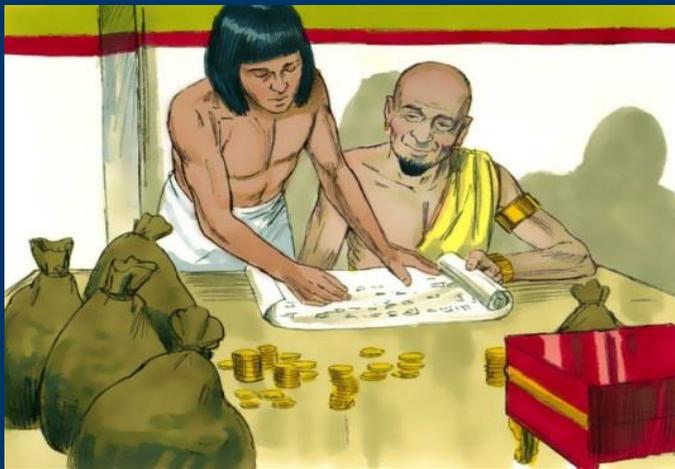
Gen 39:6a So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Are you a channel of blessing where ever you go?

II. THE HISTORICAL SITUATION

Sneaking up behind these benefits come a greater measure of vulnerability.

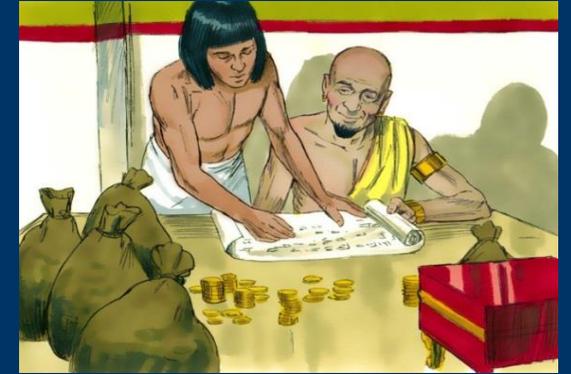
Gen 39:6b "Now Joseph was well-built and handsome."



III. THE SENSUAL TEMPTATION

The contrast between Mr. Potiphar...

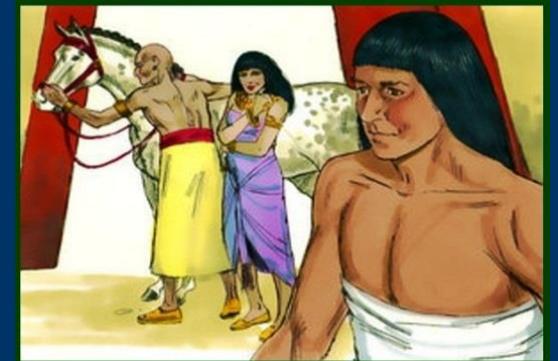
He was attracted to Joseph's
Reliability & Trustworthiness.



Gen 39:7 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, **"Come to bed with me!"**

... & Mrs. Potiphar.

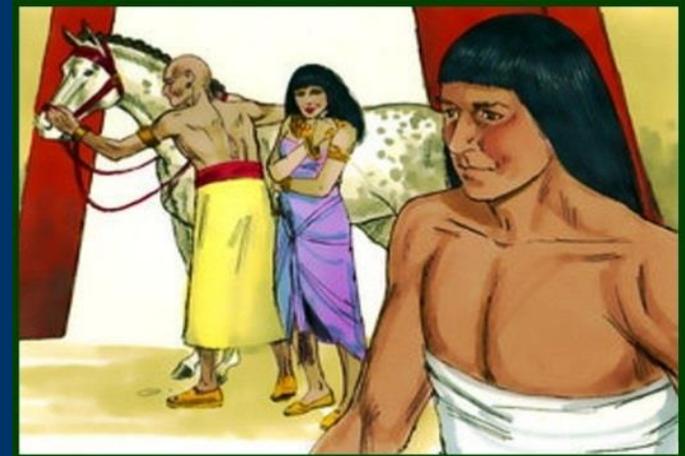
She was attracted to his
Physical Appearance



III. THE SENSUAL TEMPTATION

Gen 39:8 But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.

Gen 39:9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.

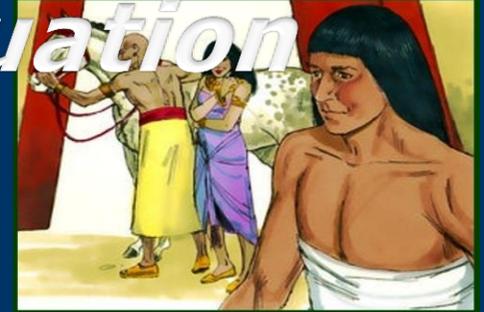


How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

The fear of the Lord is the only restrain.

III. THE SENSUAL TEMPTATION

Four Peculiar Elements in Joseph's Temptation that puts him in a situation that is so vulnerable.



- 1. He faced a difficult dilemma.*
- 2. Her advances flattered Joseph's ego and aroused a powerful sensual temptation.*
- 3. The source of temptation was persistent.*
- 4. This woman pursued Joseph when they were alone.*



Watch out for all these signs of danger!

III. THE SENSUAL TEMPTATION



The Final Test of Joseph.

Gen 39:12a She caught him by his cloak and said, **"Come to bed with me!"**

12b But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

What does God say about sexual immorality?

**GET
OUT**

1 Cor 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.



IV. THE PERSONAL DECISION



Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned, nor
hell a fury like a woman scorned.

(William Congreve)

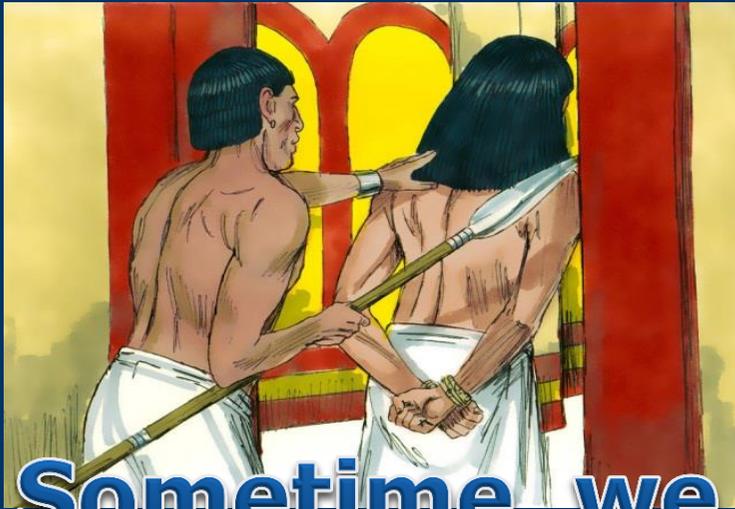
Gen 37:16 *She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home.*

17 *Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. **18** But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."*



IV. THE PERSONAL DECISION

Gen 37:19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "**This is how your slave treated me,**" he burned with anger.



20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

Sometime, we suffered for doing the right thing.

CONCLUSION:

Here are four practical applications to help you say, “No!” when temptation says “Come!”

*A) Do not be **WEAKENED** by your situation.*



Do not allow your eyes to wander from the holy God to the sinful seductions of your situation.

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B) Do not be DECEIVED by persuasion.



Be committed to God completely by keeping yourself away from temptation.

CONCLUSION:

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C) Do not be GENTLE with temptations.



Learn to keep the door of temptation closed at all time.

CONCLUSION:

Here are four practical applications to help you say, “No!” when temptation says “Come!”

*D) Do not be **SATISFIED** with immediate results.*



Be prepared to say “No” again the next day - or even the next minute.

CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some temptations that knock on our door? Why is it so self-destructive if it is not dealt with?*
- 2. Why is it crucial for us to recognize the various type of temptation that is enticing us?*
- 3. What kept Joseph going during his transition from a favor son to a faceless slave? Where did he find peace and strength?*
- 4. How did Joseph and Mrs. Potiphar look at sensual temptation?*
- 5. Does doing the right thing guarantee the right reward? Why?*
- 6. Why do you make of Potiphar's judgment of Joseph?*
- 7. Was Joseph guilty of the crime accused in Potiphar conscience? Why?*



Scripture References:
Genesis 39