

Week 27
Genesis 39

Read Genesis 39

1. Review Genesis 37 where Joseph is sold by his brothers to Midianite merchants. Egypt is over 200 miles from Canaan. What do you imagine Joseph was thinking and feeling on that long trip?

2. What are we told about who bought Joseph in Egypt?

How was he blessed by having Joseph as his slave?

What does verse 3 say Potiphar realized about Joseph?

3. What impresses you about the Lord's presence and grace with Joseph in verses 2-5 and 21-23?

4. How can this help you when you are seeking to honor God, and yet are being treated unjustly?
5. Assuming Joseph didn't feel blessed and even struggled to sense God's presence - what lesson do we learn about trusting and waiting on God in our trials?

See also Exodus 14:14; Deuteronomy 31:8; Joshua 1:9; Psalm 1:6; Psalm 33:18, and Psalm 34:15-19.

6. What new trial and temptation did Joseph face with Potiphar's wife, and what did he say to her?

What two reasons did he give for refusing her advances?

7. What did Joseph call the immorality she was proposing?

Why is it important to call out sin for what it truly is?

Where do you see our culture renaming sins to rationalize what they truly are?

8. What can we learn from Joseph's example in resisting temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13 and 2 Timothy 2:22)?

9. How did Potiphar's wife refer to Joseph in her false accusations?

10. What penalty did Potiphar assign to Joseph?

Why do you think he did not have Joseph executed?

11. How did God intervene in helping Joseph endure unjust imprisonment?

12. What can you personally apply from Joseph's example?

What do you see of God's character in this chapter?

