

# MESSAGE NOTES

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Joseph: A Character Study  
Sexual Temptation  
Genesis 39  
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- *Character* = am I trustworthy—can God \_\_\_\_\_ me? Matt 25:21; 1 Cor 4:2
- How I deal w/sexual temptation is a \_\_\_\_\_ of character. James 1:12-16
- Am I becoming the person God's looking \_\_\_\_\_ to trust w/ \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Now Joseph was well built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" Genesis 39:6-7

## OBSERVATIONS FROM GENESIS 39

- The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph & \_\_\_\_\_ in his life. Gen 39:2-3,20,23
- \_\_\_\_\_ in Potiphar's house, Joseph has a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOW JOSEPH CHOOSES CHARACTER

- He \_\_\_\_\_ to give in—by what he \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. James 2:14,17
- He \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_—to see as \_\_\_\_\_ sees. Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 12:2
- He \_\_\_\_\_ himself from tempting \_\_\_\_\_ & refocuses.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ away immediately, knowing it may \_\_\_\_\_ him. Acts 20:24

"How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" Genesis 39:9

## CHARACTER CHOICES FOR US

- ① Who do I \_\_\_\_\_ want to be \_\_\_\_\_ ? Should I repent & confess?
- ② What action do I need to take \_\_\_\_\_ ? Ephesians 4:26-27
- Will I trust & obey the \_\_\_\_\_ or rationalize & play the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

# Renewing My Mind

LORD, teach me how to think more like You think, and to see life more as You see it, especially when I face sexual temptation. I know I'm responsible not just to think about Your Words, but to do them.

## 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy & honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God....

## 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Run from sexual sin!  
No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

## 2 Timothy 2:19-22

....Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love & peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the LORD with pure hearts.

## Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age....

## Ephesians 5:3-8

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people....

Genesis 39:7-12; Exodus 20:14,17; Job 31:1; Psalm 119:9-11,105; Matthew 5:27-30; Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 10:11-13; 1 Timothy 4:7-8,12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 12:14,16-17; 1 Peter 2:11-12

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing & perfect will. Romans 12:2