

Famous story - Holmes & Watson - you can be very profound yet miss the point  
widely read

# Genesis 39- Joseph- a Gem among Jews

Last week- Judah another sad example of this brood of boys.  
Intermarried with pagans  
Dismissed Tamar  
Chased after a prostitute (aka wiley Tamar)

Joseph- Our Hebrew hero

So, Joseph is the Ancestor of Jesus! Great man that he was!

Let's try again:

Judah is the Ancestor of Jesus. Dirty rotten scoundrel that he was. . .

Look at Jesus' ancestors—A Hall of Shame, a shrine to lying, immorality, *scoundrels*  
cheating, pagan idolaters intermarriage, trickery, marital deception,  
Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Judah, Jacob- God chose these for Jesus' Family Tree

It is NOT about our worthiness— *Jesus is not our savior because of his pedigree great family*  
But about God's Power, Righteousness and Forgiveness.  
So-Last we saw Joseph, he'd been sold into slavery by his brothers. Let's see what  
he's up to this week. . .

**39** Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh,  
the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down  
there. <sup>2</sup>The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. *Joseph did not wait for a better situation* And he was in the house of  
his master, the Egyptian. <sup>3</sup>Now his master saw that the LORD was with him  
and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph found favor in his *I would trust*  
sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he *him with*  
owned he put in his charge. <sup>5</sup>It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house *everything*  
and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph;  
thus the LORD's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field. <sup>6</sup>So he left  
everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him *there* he did not concern himself with  
anything except the food which he ate.

No Doubt  
Tears soaked  
pillows -  
But turned  
to God!  
Trusted  
Relied

Joseph:  
17- sold (37:2)  
30- promoted  
by Pharaoh  
2 yr in prison  
50- 11 yrs  
in Potiphar's  
house

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. <sup>7</sup>It came about after these events that his  
master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup>But he refused and said  
to his master's wife, "Behold, with me *here*, my master does not concern himself with anything  
in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge." <sup>9</sup>There is no one greater in this house  
than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then  
could I do this great evil and sin against God? <sup>10</sup>As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not  
listen to her to lie beside her or be with her. <sup>11</sup>Now it happened one day that he went into the  
house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. <sup>12</sup>She caught him  
by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went

good lookin' not lookin' good

is this a trap?

→ how many have had this?



ask class! what is she feeling here?

rejection  
hurt pride  
anger  
~~love~~  
revenge  
recycle slave  
new boy toy

outside. <sup>13</sup> When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, <sup>14</sup> she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed. <sup>15</sup> When he heard that I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside." <sup>16</sup> So she left his garment beside her until his master came home. <sup>17</sup> Then she spoke to him with these words, "The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me; <sup>18</sup> and as I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

### Joseph Imprisoned

check clock!

<sup>19</sup> Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," his anger burned. <sup>20</sup> So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. <sup>21</sup> But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. <sup>22</sup> The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible *for it*. <sup>23</sup> The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.

Potiphar's wife looked with desire at Joseph.

Desire/lust- In itself, desire is not an evil thing. It is okay, good to desire/lust after your own spouse. "lust" carries connotation of coveting someone else's stuff

10<sup>th</sup> commandment- Don't covet, desire your neighbor's stuff

Exodus 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Coveting, Lust, Desire- Never satisfied, <sup>sinful</sup>

Proverbs 27:20 Sheol and Abaddon are <sup>destruction</sup> never satisfied, Nor are the eyes of man ever satisfied.

Potiphar's wife- desired what was not hers, disregarded her loyalty to Potiphar

Not love- Desire <sup>'65 mustang GT</sup>

Gave Joseph one last chance to give in to her illicit offer.

Her "loving" response--- Kill Him!! <sup>to his rejection</sup>

Potiphar knew Joseph and by all rights in their kingdom, could have killed Joseph.

Potiphar knew Joseph's character, and surely knew his wife's character.

What's a big wig, a captain of Pharaoh's guard to do?



His reputation: Imagine what could happen. . . (everytime a soldier might smile, or snicker) "I know what your wife did"

**Main point:** Joseph ran! Fled youthful immorality! Just like his brothers! LOL!

2 Tim. 2:22  
Don't Linger

Warning! Lust, seduction always portrays itself as a lovely, sweet, flattering satisfier. In reality, Picture the most hideous, slobbering, scary monster from Star Wars—that's a little sample of what seduction is out for. It wants to utterly destroy you and your beloved wife and family.

Don't sit at the back of the Bay

Last week—Judah didn't care, chasing whores—It'll make me feel good.

total disregard for damage to family. His soul

Check clock!

**Question:** How many of you had someone (illicit) say to you this last week "Come lie with me"

**OR:** How many of you had something illicit say "Come look at me" or "Lust at me"?

Remember what Jesus said,

Matthew 5:28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

ask class

Our Society - permeated with lust & seductions - sex, cars, houses, prestige, others?

Be very careful to **not** see how close you can get to the edge of the cliff, how many toes you can hang over the edge of lust, trying to taste its allure, enjoy that thrill of flattery. That monster might just grab your little toe and try to pull you over the cliff, to your destruction!

I am NOT talking down to you - We are doing this together -

Our most powerful weapon to fight this is God's word.

Psalm 119:9-11

<sup>9</sup> How can a young man keep his way pure?

By keeping it according to Your word.

<sup>10</sup> With all my heart I have sought You;

Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

<sup>11</sup> Your word I have treasured in my heart,

That I may not sin against You.

"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to Love & good deeds"  
We don't want to get off us to superior self-enslave

Just as Joseph fled the daily seduction of Potiphar's wife, you, we too must avoid those times, places, and situations in which you know sexual temptation will arise.

Joseph's brothers - imprisoned in guilt by their own actions, imagine!

So we end this story with Joseph sitting in jail, satisfied in the Lord, good conscience, No guilt. So much better than where he could be, laying with her, lying to Potiphar and lowering his soul deeper and deeper into the grips of unsatisfiable lust and death. Oh what a happy man, He was!

Spurgeon:

Slavery: <sup>it</sup> was a small calamity compared with that which would have happened to young Joseph had he been enslaved by wicked passions.

Final point - God has a plan for us. Even when things look impossible! God is in control! Watch as we study Joseph - He never complains! Always trusting God! (to others)

Don't enslave yourself