

Sermon Discussion Questions for January 20, 2019:

Scripture Passage: Genesis 39

Overcoming Temptation - Lessons from Joseph for us in a world full of temptation

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. Unfortunately, we see people in high positions abuse their power. What are some examples of people in high positions abusing their power? How did Joseph handle the temptation from Potiphar's wife? How can this guide us as we deal with temptations? See verses 9 and 12 for great wisdom in handling temptation.
 3. All was taken away from Joseph when he was wrongfully accused by Potiphar's wife. Did Joseph's love for God stem from his success and material gain while being elevated to overseer of Potiphar's entire household and belongings?
 4. After being thrown in prison, does it appear (see chapter 39 verses 20-23), that Joseph's love for God was dependent on his success and material possessions? Can our love for God be displaced by love for material possessions and success?
 5. Should our love for God depend on our circumstances? (also think of Job in the Old Testament and the supreme example - Jesus). Is it tempting to make our faith and love for God dependent on whether things are going well in our life?
 6. Joseph handled the situation with Potiphar's wife according to God's righteousness. But he ended up in prison! Have you stood up for God's truth and been ridiculed or mocked? Did this strengthen or weaken your faith? How did Joseph handle his imprisonment? Did he become bitter and despondent? Have you become bitter and despondent when following Jesus seems to lead to disappointment and even pain?
 7. Meditate on the gospel message. Jesus' pain and suffering led to salvation for all who would put their faith and trust in Him. His tragic death on the cross led to eternal life for all who have called upon His name. As a believer in Christ, you can trust Him in all circumstances and situations. Cling to His word and His promises.
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

