



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: With: In Triumph & Temptation

Scripture: Genesis 39

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1. Some people have success no matter where they go. Joseph had success over Potiphar's house (vv. 1-6), success in temptation (vv. 7-12), and success in overseeing the prison (vv. 21-23) Who are the people in your life who do that?
2. God blesses Joseph (vv. 2-3), but He blesses Potiphar and his household because of his good treatment of Joseph. This verse must be read as a fulfillment of Genesis 12:3, *"I will bless those who bless you."* Just as God blessed Laban because of Jacob (30:27, 30), He now blessed Potiphar because of Joseph. How has this been true of your life? How can this truth increase in your life?
3. Joseph's exemplary character resulted from his hard work and his obedience. What does knowing how to obey have to do with knowing how to lead?
4. What were Joseph's reasons for refusing Potiphar's wife (39:8-9)?
5. What are some good ways to deal with persistent temptation that continues day after day (39:10)?
6. While it may not be an appropriate discussion for our time together, it is worth considering how we have recently been tempted, how we are consistently tempted, and how we can flee from temptation. Are there insights you have that would be worth sharing?
7. Joseph fled from his master's wife. Why was fleeing better in this case than staying to fight?
8. Let's reflect on all that has transpired from Genesis 39:2, *"the Lord was with Joseph,"* and Genesis 39:23, *"the Lord was with him."* How do the change of circumstances and the repetition of this phrase indicate how God is with us? What does that mean for you?
9. Christians today can take heart in reading Genesis 39. Like Joseph, most of us will experience great highs and lows in life. Through all the ups and downs, those who are in Christ can always draw comfort from the presence of God, even when it is unfelt or unseen (Heb. 13:5). How can God's presence comfort you today?