

# Conquering Temptation - Genesis 39:7-15

## Wisdom from the Curious Life of Joseph – Part II

### *Message Discussion Guide*

#### Connect

- What are some of the common excuses people use to justify their sin?

#### Discover

- Which statement or experience stood out to you from the worship service?
- Read Genesis 39:7-10.
  - What reason did Joseph give for why he would not commit this sin?
  - Why did Joseph call the sin a “sin against God?” In what way are all sins “against God?”
  - How can remembering that all sins are “against God” provide greater motivation to resist temptation?
  - How long did this temptation continue; was it just one time or did it persist? How can we be faithful when we face a season of temptation?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:13.
  - What does it mean that your temptation is common to man?
  - What is God’s promise in this verse?
  - In light of this verse, what should we do when faced with temptation?
- Read 1 Peter 5:8.
  - How does this verse warn us about the attitude and care needed to avoid temptation?
- Read Galatians 6:1.
  - What are the two commands given in this verse? How should we go about following each of these instructions?

#### Respond

- How do you think Joseph’s trust in God helped him resist temptation even when life was going so badly for him?
- How can we dampen the pull of sin by cultivating a strong devotion life with the Lord?

#### Bonus for Thinkers

- How was Joseph’s obedience in Genesis 39 a hinge point for the blessings he experienced in Genesis 41 and following?

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## First Baptist Nacogdoches Bible Reading Plan

Day	Scripture
Monday (4/27)	Genesis 39:1-20
Tuesday (4/28)	Romans 8:1-17
Wednesday (4/29)	Romans 8:18-39
Thursday (4/30)	Romans 9:1-33
Friday (5/1)	Romans 12:1-21

# Daily Devotion Questions

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## Monday (4/27) — Genesis 39:1-20

- Review the “Respond” questions from yesterday’s message discussion guide.

## Tuesday (4/28) — Romans 8:1-17

- What does Paul mean when he says there is no condemnation for those in Christ (8:1)? Thank the Lord for this wonderful truth. In light of 8:1, what would you tell a Christian friend who is struggling with guilt and unworthiness?
- We learn in 8:5-8 what a believer should focus his mind upon. What changes do these verses suggest for your life?
- According to 8:14-17, we are children of God, not slaves. What are the three advantages this affords us (according to these verses)?
- Read Romans 8:15. In what ways does modern day adoption picture the wonders of salvation?

## Wednesday (4/29) — Romans 8:18-39

- Write down a short list of three difficulties or hardships in your life. Then in light of 8:18, what does the Lord have to say about each of those?
- According to 8:26, how does the Spirit help us in our weakness? Think about some times of weakness you have faced in recent days. How does it make you feel to know the Spirit was interceding for you at those times? Thank him for this.
- In your own words write a description of the faithfulness and the reliability of God’s love as it is described in 8:37-39.
- Read Romans 8:29-30. Focus on these verses one phrase at a time. In your faith tradition, what do these phrases mean?

## Thursday (4/30) — Romans 9:1-33

- According to 9:1-3, on a scale of one to ten, how would you rate Paul’s desire to see his kinsmen come to know Christ? How would you rate your desire to see lost people exposed to the gospel message and led to embrace Jesus? What is the Lord telling you in this?
- Who does our salvation ultimately depend upon (9:14-18)? Why is this such a wonderful thing? Express your thanksgiving for this to the Lord.
- There are aspects of God’s grace and mercy that we cannot understand. In your own words, what does Paul say about that in 9:19-23?
- Read Romans 9:6-13. What makes a person truly a child of Abraham?

## Friday (5/1) — Romans 12:1-21

- We are instructed to present our bodies as a living sacrifice as opposed to a dead sacrifice (12:1). What do you think the significance of the word “living” is?
- According to 12:2, how can we keep from being conformed to this world? What is the best strategy? How well are you doing with this? What changes should you make?
- How does Paul say we should treat our enemies in 12:18-20?
- Read Romans 12:9-13. According to Paul, how do we show Christian love?