



**Joseph:  
An Example of  
Overcoming Temptation**

Genesis 39:1-23

# Joseph: How the Temptation Came

- Boldly
  - Verse 7
  - Genesis 3:1-5

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- Boldly
- Something appealing
  - James 1:13-16

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- Boldly
- Something appealing
- Repeated
  - Verse 10
  - Judges 16:16
  - Luke 4:2 ff

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- Boldly
- Something appealing
- Repeated
- Opportune time
  - Verse 11
  - Luke 4:13

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- Boldly
- Something appealing
- Repeated
- Opportune time
- With a cost for resisting
  - Verses 13-14
  - 2 Timothy 3:12
  - 1 Peter 2:19-23

# Joseph: Teaching Us How to Overcome

- Get Your Heart Right
  - Verse 9
  - Desire the Right Things
    - Verse 9
    - Ezekiel 14:2-5
    - Proverbs 4:23
    - James 4:1-3
  - Decide and Determine
    - Daniel 1:8
    - Job 31:1
  - Be Ready – Be Circumspect
    - Ephesians 5:15-17

# Joseph: Teaching Us How to Overcome

- Get Your Heart Right
- Know the Seriousness of Sin
  - Verse 9
  - Sin is against God
    - Romans 3:23
    - Psalm 51:4
  - Sin is a violation of God's law
    - 1 John 3:4
    - Psalm 19:7-9



# Joseph: Teaching Us How to Overcome

- Get Your Heart Right
- Know the Seriousness of Sin
  - This Sin – Fornication
    - Hebrews 13:4
    - Ephesians 5:3
    - Revelation 21:8
    - Galatians 5:19
      - Adultery
      - Fornication
      - Uncleaness
      - Licentiousness

# Joseph: Teaching Us How to Overcome

- Get Your Heart Right
- Know the Seriousness of Sin
  - Against Self and Others
    - Proverbs 8:36
    - 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
    - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7
  - Serious even in private
    - Proverbs 15:3
    - Hebrews 4:13

# Joseph: Teaching Us How to Overcome

- Get Your Heart Right
- Know the Seriousness of Sin
- Answer with an Uncompromising “No”
  - Verses 9-11
  - 1 Peter 1:13
  - Matthew 5:27-28

## Joseph: Teaching Us How to Overcome

- Get Your Heart Right
- Know the Seriousness of Sin
- Answer with an Uncompromising “No”
- Don't Hang Out Near that which Tempts You
  - Verse 10
  - 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1
  - Proverbs 6:20-29
  - Proverbs 5:1-8
  - Psalm 119:63

## Joseph: Teaching Us How to Overcome

- Get Your Heart Right
- Know the Seriousness of Sin
- Answer with an Uncompromising “No”
- Don’t Hang Out Near that which Tempts You
- Flee!
  - Verses 11-12
  - 1 Corinthians 6:18
  - 2 Timothy 2:22
    - Flee and Pursue

## Joseph: Teaching Us How to Overcome

- Get Your Heart Right
- Know the Seriousness of Sin
- Answer with an Uncompromising “No”
- Don’t Hang Out Near that which Tempts You
- Flee!
- Be Ready to Accept the Consequences
  - Luke 23:41
  - 1 Peter 2:11-12
  - 1 Peter 3:13-17
  - 1 Peter 4:4-5; 14-16

## How Temptation Comes

- Could be boldly at first
- Something that can appeal to you
- Often repeated to weaken you
- At an opportune time
- May come with a cost for resisting

Joseph:

## Teaching Us How to Overcome Temptation

- Set your heart right – your desires, determination, and readiness
- Remember the seriousness of sin
- Respond with an uncompromising “no”
- Don’t hang out near that which tempts you
- Flee!
- Be prepared to suffer



Young people and all, especially young people, beware of this wickedness – fornication – which the world glories in but which is a sin against one's own body, against others, and above all, against God!