



TALK IT OVER

The Life of Joseph: Maneuvering Through Life's Unexpected Turns Temptation - Genesis 39

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Does one moment alter your life, or does your life alter one moment?

CONVO STARTER

Have you experienced a life-altering moment? What changed because of this situation or circumstance?

CONSIDER THIS

- Take sin seriously.
- Don't try to justify, blame, or explain your sin away.
- Build character that can meet the moment of temptation.

RESOURCES

- [Pikes Peak Christian Church](#)
- [Sermon Video](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

- "How do you view your sin? Do you see every sin, whatever is it might be, as a sin against God? Do you take sin serious enough? It was our sin that separated us from God." - Ross Frisbie
- *Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received a knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies. - Hebrews 10:26-27*
- "There is always a way out of temptation. In the middle of that temptation, you might be tempted to think no one else is going through what you are, but there are people out there who have faced what you are facing." - Ross Frisbie
- *The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. - 1 Cor. 10:13*
- "Put appropriate boundaries around your weaknesses and you will be able to seize the moment when temptation comes, rather than letting the moment seize you." - Ross Frisbie
- *Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing, and perfect will. - Romans 12:1-2*

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Read Genesis 39:1-12. Take sin seriously. Joseph had a very profound view of sin. He didn't view sin as something that only hurt others, but also that any sin is against God himself. This kept Joseph from giving into the consistent sexual temptations and advances from Potiphar's wife. Temptation (and sin) is not something to play games with or entertain, we need to take sin seriously in our lives. Do you take sin seriously or do you play games with sin and temptation? When is the last time you confessed sin to others, sought out God sincerely and broken about your sin, and sought restoration from others you might have hurt?

Read Genesis 39:13-20. Don't try to justify, blame, or explain your sin away. This is often the first thing we do (our fleshly response) when our sin comes out in the light. We get defensive or we try to justify or we blame something or someone else. It takes character and self-discipline to avoid the sin and not give into temptation in the first place, like Joseph displayed. Is your character being developed in such a way that you are to consistently say "no" to sin and temptation? Name some specific sins that you are beginning to have victory over? When you do fall short and sin, how are you when it comes out into the light?

Read Genesis 39:21-23. Build character that can meet the moment of temptation. It is difficult to deal with the consequences of our sin, but I think it might be even more difficult to deal with the consequences of sin that you didn't actually do. That is Joseph's position here. Did this stop him from growing or being effective for God's kingdom. What about you? Do you allow these circumstances to grow your character?

ACTION STEP

Identify the sin in your life that keeps tripping you up. The more we grow closer to Christ, the more we become aware of our shortcomings and our sin. Confess your sin to someone else, to God, and start working toward restoration and consistent accountability.