

Small Group Guide

Genesis 39

From the sermon - Numbered - Purity Part III



But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

Genesis 39:8-9

Discuss

1. Knowing Joseph's character in managing Potiphar's house, what would you say he valued most? Why does the value we place on things often determine the results of our actions?
2. Was Joseph's commitment towards not sinning, or was it towards something else? If you say it was towards something else then what was it? (Genesis 39:7-10)
3. Joseph made a commitment to be holy before he even arrived in Egypt. How did that pay off when faced with the temptation to sin?
4. The immediate results of Joseph decision were bad, but his character remained pure in the midst of his shaky surroundings. What are the benefits of remaining pure when the world around you is falling apart? (Genesis 39:19-20)
5. We see throughout this passage where God was faithful to Joseph (Genesis 39:2, 3, 5, 21, 23). Where else is this found in Joseph's life, and how did Joseph reciprocate it? (Living a life of holiness, dedicated to purity, faithful to walk with God, etc.)
6. The price tag for Joseph's integrity was high. What would you be willing to give up for the sake of your personal purity? What's the worst that might happen? Not taking a stand is taking a stand all the same. What happens in the meantime to your character and relationship with God?

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