

Genesis 39: 1-23

1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. **2** The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. **3** When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did,

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4 Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. **5** From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.

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6 So he left in Joseph's care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, **7** and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" **8** But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.

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9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" **10** And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. **11** One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside.

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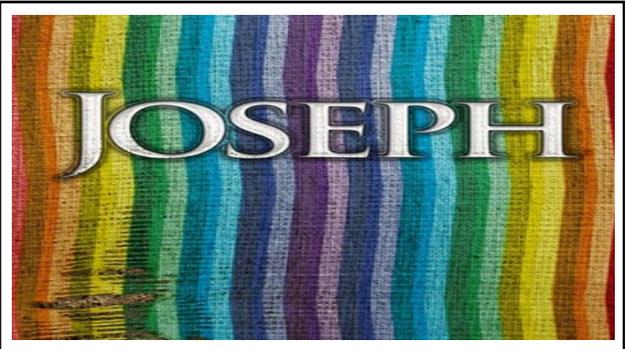
12 She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. 13 When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, 14 she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed.

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15 When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." 16 She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. 17 Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. 18 But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." 19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger.

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20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, 21 the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. 22 So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. 23 The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

**Genesis 39:2,**

"The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master."

Genesis 39:3-6a,

"When his master saw that The Lord was with him and that The Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

Genesis 39:3-6a,

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**"IT IS COMMON TO BE LESS
DISCIPLINED IN PROSPERITY,
THAN ADVERSITY."**

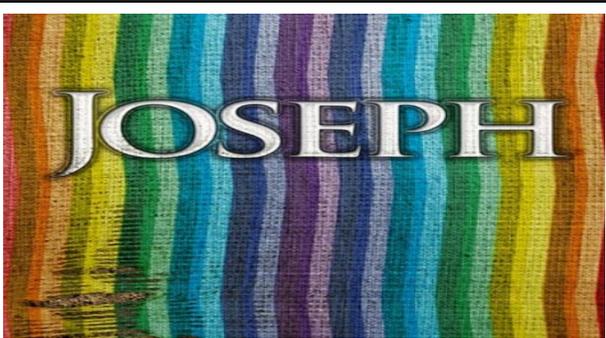
Bryan Amit Prasad

1 Corinthians 10:12,

**"Take heed when you think
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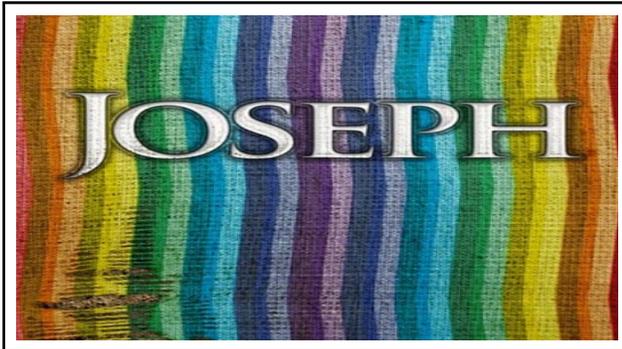
Genesis 39:6b-7a,

**"Now Joseph was well built and
handsome, and after a while his master's
wife took notice of Joseph..."**



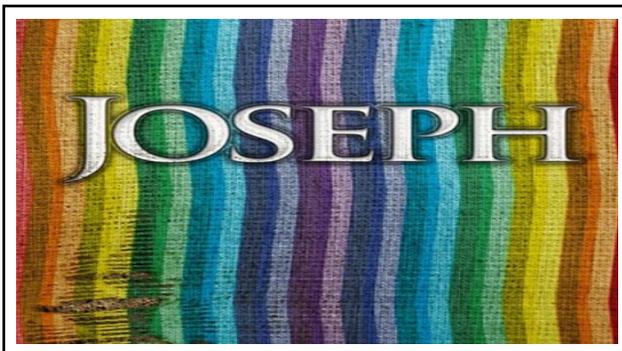
Question:

**"WHY DID IT TAKE POTIPHAR'S
WIFE A WHILE TO TAKE
NOTICE?"**



Genesis 39:7b,

"She took notice of Joseph and said 'Come to bed with me'".



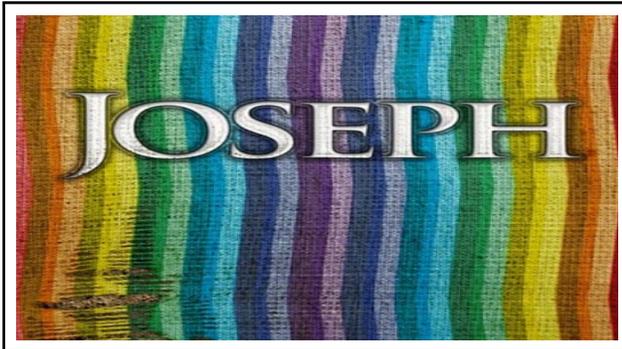
Genesis 39:8a,

"But, he REFUSED!"

**First, he said,
"I CAN'T DO THIS, BECAUSE I
RESPECT MY EARTHLY
MASTER."**

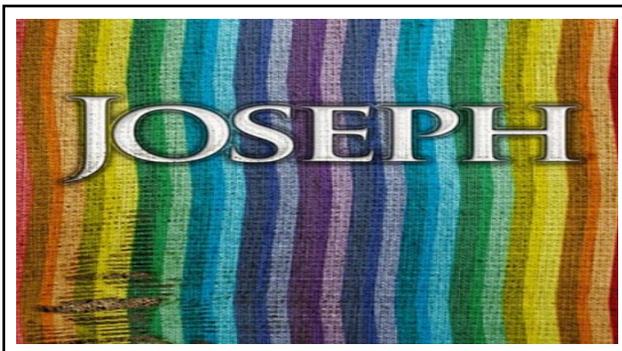
Genesis 8b-9a,

"'With me in charge', he told her, 'my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.'"



Secondly, he said,
"I CAN'T DO THIS BECAUSE IT'S
DISLOYAL TO GOD!"

Genesis 39:9b, "How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God."

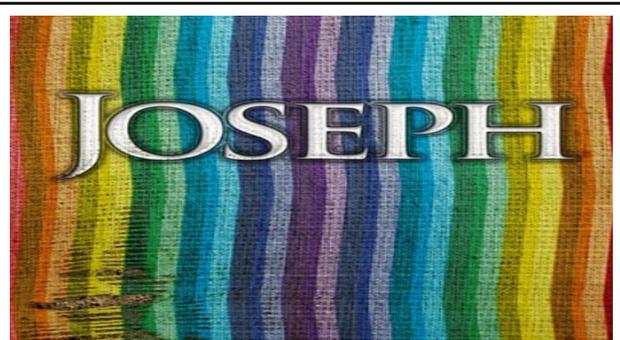


Genesis 39:10,

"And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her, or even be with her."

"Satan is very VERSATILE in TEMPTATION.
If we don't BUCKLE under ADVERSITY,
he may BRING PROSPERITY.
If we don't YIELD to the despair of PAIN,
he may bring delights of PLEASURE."

John Butler, Author Of "Tried, True, & Triumphant"



Genesis 39:10,

"but JOSEPH refused to go to bed with her, or even be with her."

"SOMETIMES EVEN THE TEMPTATION TO TOY WITH SOMETHING CAN BE FATAL! YOU DON'T PLAY WITH BOMBS!"

Paul Benjamin, Author

"HE WHO WOULD NOT ENTER THE ROOM OF SIN, MUST NOT SIT AT THE DOOR OF TEMPTATION."

Old Chinese Proverb

"IF YOU DON'T INTEND ON GOING IN THE HOUSE, STAY OFF THE FRONT PORCH!"

The Old Parson

Genesis 39:11,

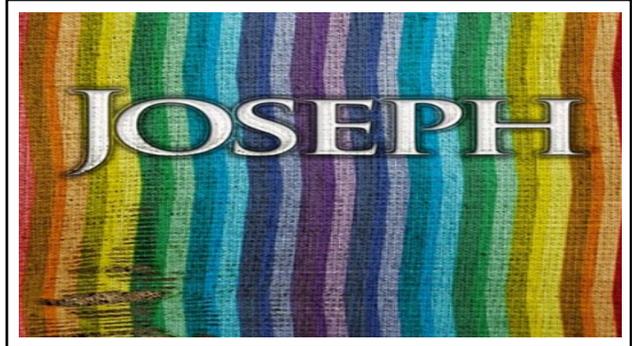
"One day he went into the house to attend to his duties....."

"MEN ARE USUALLY TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL, BUT AN IDLE MAN, POSITIVELY, TEMPTS THE DEVIL!"

Author unknown

Genesis 39:12,

**"She caught him by his cloak and said,
'Come to bed with me!'"**



**"HEAVEN HAS NO RAGE
LIKE LOVE TO HATRED TURNED;
NOR HELL A FURY
LIKE A WOMAN SCORNED!"**

Genesis 39:13-15,

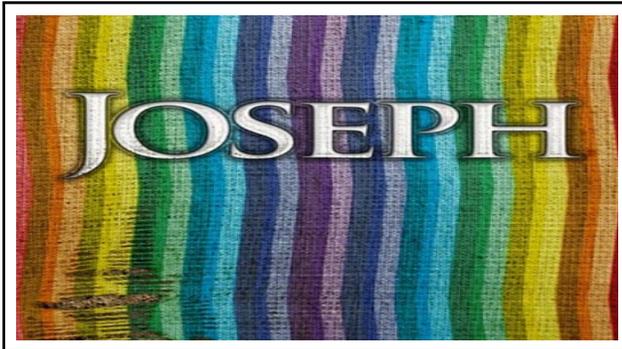
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Genesis 39:16-20,

"She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. Then she told him this story: 'That Hebrew slave you bought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.'

Genesis 39:16-20,

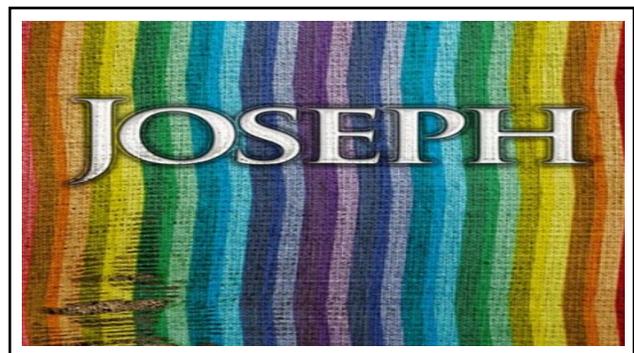
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Jesus Christ said,

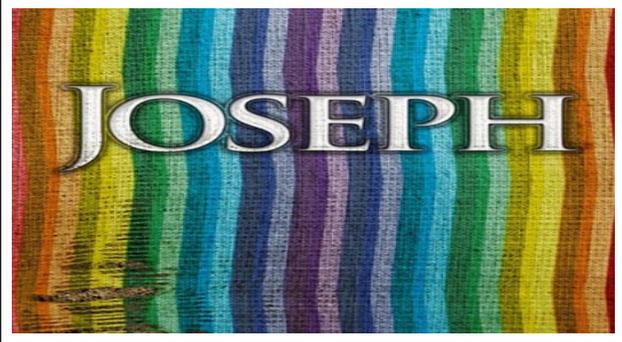
"HEAVEN AND EARTH MAY
PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORD WILL
NEVER PASS AWAY!"

**"WE'RE ALL IGNORANT, JUST
IN DIFFERENT FIELDS!"**

Will Rogers, American Philosopher,
Poet, Comedian & Author

**Christianity "IS NOT" condoning
EVERYTHING, and tolerating EVERYONE.**

**Christianity "IS" the worship of THE
PERSON, of JESUS CHRIST! We surrender
to HIM, as SAVIOR and LORD!
He "IS", the ULTIMATE AUTHORITY!!**



"The Model of Faithfulness"

JOSEPH

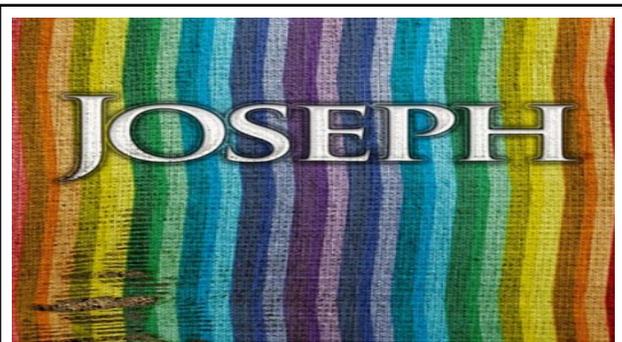
**Today's Message –
FAITHFUL WHEN TEMPTED**

Romans 1:27,

"Men abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion!"

Romans 12:9,

"Love must be sincere. Hate that which is evil, and cling to what is good."

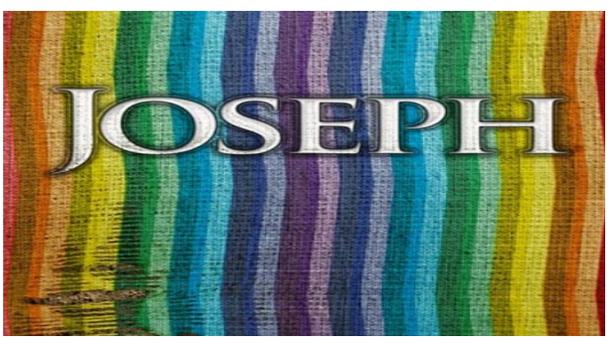


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Martin Luther, Theologian

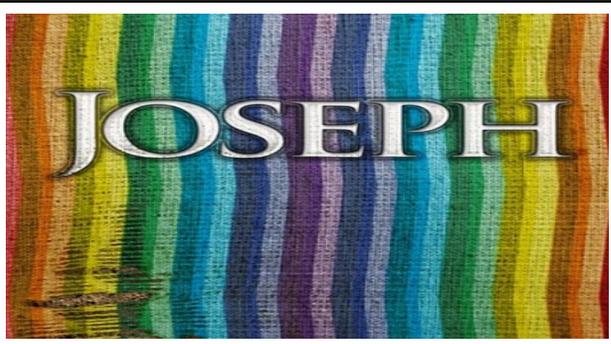


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"THE GRASS MAY BE GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE, BUT IT STILL HAS TO BE MOWED, AND THE WATER BILL IS TWICE AS HIGH!"

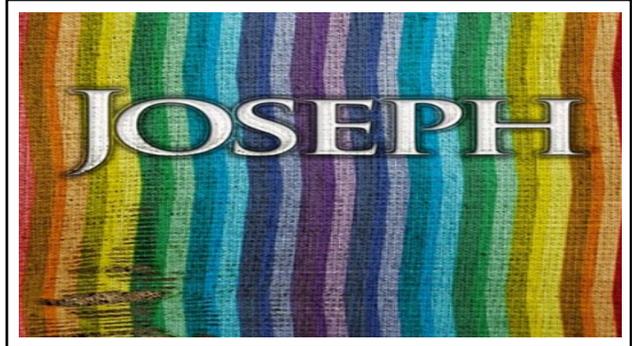
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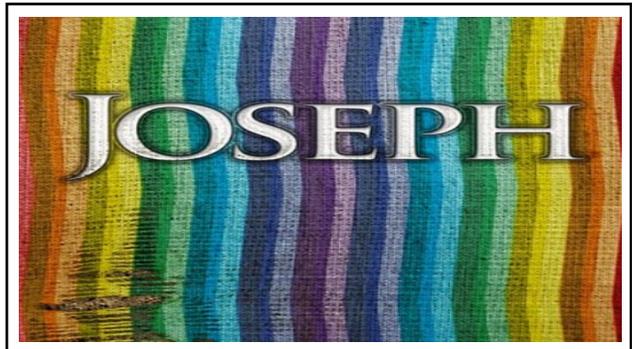
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the "WISEST COURSE OF ACTION"
is to "FLEE"!



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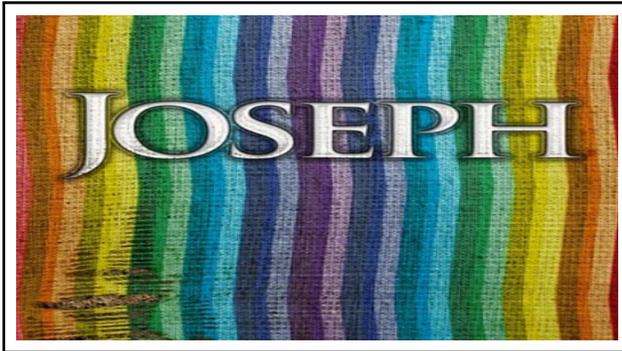


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**"THE WHEELS OF GOD'S JUSTICE
GRIND SLOWLY, BUT THE GRIND
EXCEEDINGLY FINE."**

A.W. Tozier, Christian Theologian & Author



Galatians 6:7,

"Be not deceived, God cannot be mocked. A man REAPS what he SOWS! The one who sows to please his SINFUL NATURE, from THAT NATURE, will REAP DESTRUCTION; the one who sows to please THE SPIRIT, from THE SPIRIT, will REAP ETERNAL LIFE! Let us NOT become WEARY in DOING GOOD, for at the PROPER TIME, we WILL REAP A HARVEST, if we DON'T GIVE UP!"

