

# Living By Faith Not Sight

## “Taming Temptation”

### Genesis 39:1-20

Joseph learned that God had a PLAN for his life & That Plan required FAITH on his part.

Has YOUR Life had a Positive Effect on people who Don't Know God?

FIVE PRINCIPLES concerning Temptation that we can DRAW from these Events in Joseph's life.

**PRINCIPLE #1: TEMPTATION COMES WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT. (vv.6b-7)**

- Beware when you've experienced a VICTORY because THAT'S when Temptation often is the Strongest.
- WRONG is Always WRONG No Matter What.
- It's NOT a SIN to BE TEMPTED...The SIN is in YIELDING to temptation.

**PRINCIPLE #2: TEMPTATION TRIES TO MAKE SIN LOOK ACCEPTABLE (vv. 8-9)**

- We need to Make up our Minds about SIN in Advance.
- Joseph saw Adultery as SIN against GOD.
- SIN is NOT an “Alternative Lifestyle”...it's Rebellion against God!
- Joseph KNEW Sin is primarily an Offense against GOD. (Psalm 51:4)

**PRINCIPLE #3: TO BE VICTORIOUS, AVOID AREAS OF TEMPTATION. (vv. 8-12)**

- Joseph Refuses her Advances 4 TIMES...
- Eventually Refused to “even be with (AROUND) her.”
- Want to AVOID SIN? STAY AWAY from Places, People & Things that ENTICE YOU to SIN!

**PRINCIPLE #4: TO BE VICTORIOUS, PHYSICALLY LEAVE. (vv.11-12)**

- If Joseph was Going to RESIST the Sin, he had to Get HIMSELF OUT.
- The ONLY Godly Course of Action was to FLEE from her. (1 Cor. 6:18, 10:13).
- There is ALWAYS a “WAY OUT” for those who will TAKE IT.
- The Longer we WAIT to say, NO! The HARDER it is to say NO!

**PRINCIPLE #5: BEING VICTORIOUS, MAY NOT MAKE YOU POPULAR. (vv.13- 20)**

- Obedience does not ALWAYS Shield us from PAIN.
- When you're Tempted to DO Wrong this week just REFUSE. (v.8)
- Remember WHO you are & WHOSE you are and just REFUSE.
- Because of PAST Failure we're tempted to Give Up in our efforts to Live a PURE Life.

- **God is Far More Interested in your FUTURE than He is your PAST. (John 8:11)**