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Joseph #2

## Rise Above Temptation!

We know that in all things **God works for the good** of those who **love him**, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Romans 8:28**

**Joseph**- son of Jacob (11th of 12) & Rachel (died later in childbirth); wives (4) in household; older brothers hated Joseph, his dreams, & their father's love for him; sold him into slavery.

<sup>1</sup> When Joseph was taken to Egypt, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. **Potiphar** was captain of the guard for **Pharaoh**, the king of Egypt.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD was with Joseph**, so he succeeded in everything he did **as he served** in the home of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> Potiphar **noticed** this and realized that **the LORD was with Joseph**, giving him success in everything he did. <sup>4</sup> This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He **put him in charge** of his entire household and everything he owned. <sup>5</sup> From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the LORD began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs **ran smoothly**, and his crops and livestock **flourished**. <sup>6</sup> So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing- except what kind of food to eat!

**Genesis 39:1-6**

- Trust God to overcome the lure of despair or bitterness!
- Trust God for opportunities to grow in great difficulty!

Now Joseph was handsome and well-built, <sup>7</sup> and **Potiphar's wife** soon took notice and desired him. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded. <sup>8</sup> But **Joseph refused**. "Look," he told her, "**my master trusts me** with everything in his entire household. <sup>9</sup> No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. **How could I do** such a wicked thing and sin against God." <sup>10</sup> She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he **refused** to sleep with her, and he **kept out of her way** as much as possible. <sup>11</sup> One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work. <sup>12</sup> She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, "Come on, sleep with me!" Joseph **tore himself away**, but he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house.

**Genesis 39:6-12**

No temptation (test) has seized you except what is common to all human beings. And **God is faithful**; he will **not let you** be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also **provide a way out** so that you can endure and **stand up under it**.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

- Trust in God's provision for & trust in you!
- Focus on temptation as opportunity to grow & ascend!

## Crossroads Church

*Discovering Life Connected with God!*

### Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

### Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

### Our Commitment

#### **Growth**

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.  
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

#### **Relationships**

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.  
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

#### **Relevance**

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.  
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

#### **Involvement**

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.  
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

#### **Truth**

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.  
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

## Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"