



Rise & Build:

Reflections from the Joseph Story

The Rubble of Finger Pointing

Genesis 39:1 “Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there (Gen 39:1).

Joseph came from a rural culture. He is now in the largest city of the world, engulfed in a culture he doesn't understand, surrounded by people who speak a different language and worship different gods. It is here that we see three great lessons:

A. The Power of Doing What God E_____ (Gen 39:2-6a)

1. God was _____ Joseph and Joseph was _____ God
2. Joseph _____ in what he was doing
3. Joseph made a great _____

What Joseph Faced is Similar to what:

- Students away to college face
- Environment of many work places

B. The Power of T_____ (Gen 39:7-12)

1. This was a _____ temptation
2. This was a _____ temptation (10)
3. This was a temptation built upon p_____, deception and o_____

Temptation is not Sin. It is the opportunity and the invitation to sin. Jesus was tempted, yet He never sinned (Heb 4:15)

James 4:7-8 Shows us three essential steps in fighting temptation

1. Submit to God (7): _____ Him
2. Draw near to God (8): _____ stronger
3. Resist the devil (7): put up a _____ and flee



Sometimes we hurt ourselves by putting ourselves in temptations way:

- Spending too much time _____
- Filling your mind with _____ ideas
- By _____ rather than resisting (by our dress, our language)

Two Things That Helped Joseph (Gen 39:9)

Realizing his _____
Understanding that God _____

C. The Power of Being F_____ Accused (Gen 39:13-20)

1. Joseph was innocent yet he suffered. There are consequences from being blamed
2. Why do people falsely accuse?
- they are _____ of you

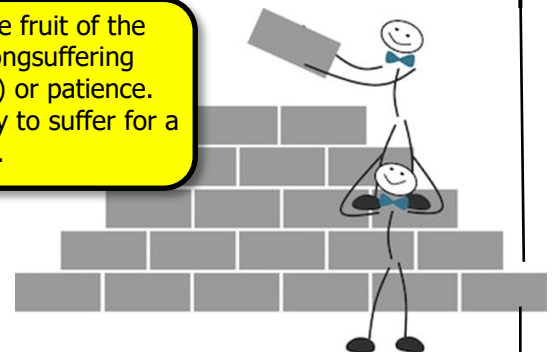
Suffering falsely can make us:

B _____
Seek r _____
M _____ all people
Poisons our _____

- they'd rather blame you so they don't get in _____
- they have _____ hearts that enjoy seeing you suffer

3. The example of Jesus helps (1 Pet 2:21-23)
4. God was with Joseph (Gen 39:21, 23)

One of the fruit of the Spirit is longsuffering (Gal 5:22) or patience. The ability to suffer for a long time.



Three Take-a-ways:

Things may get _____ before they get _____
We can make our suffering worse by our own _____
God is with us, if we will be _____ Him