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# THE TEMPTATION

## Heroes: Joseph

**At least 75 similarities between Joseph and Jesus**

**Genesis 39:1** When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. **2** The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. **3** Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. **4** This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned. **5** 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. **6a** 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! *(NLT)*

**_____ And _____**

**Joseph is in a Bad situation - still honors God**

**_____ - Based on hope, past experience**

**_____ - Based on incomplete information, evidence**

**MY _____ CAN NOT DETERMINE MY _____**

**Genesis 39:6b** Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, **7** and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded. **8** But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. **9** 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? It would be a great sin against God." **10** 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. **11** One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work. **12** 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. *(NLT)*

**_____ And _____**

**_____ - Revealing of heart, preparation for growth**

_____ **- Enticement to be disobedient**

**1 John 2:15** Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. **16** For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. **17** And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. *(NLT)*

**HAVE A PLAN!**

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## IF I _____ TO _____
## I _____ TO _____

**Genesis 39:13** When she saw that she was holding his cloak and he had fled, **14** she called out to her servants. Soon all the men came running. "Look!" she said. "My husband has brought this Hebrew slave here to make fools of us! He came into my room to rape me, but I screamed. **15** When he heard me scream, he ran outside and got away, but he left his cloak behind with me." **16** She kept the cloak with her until her husband came home. **17** Then she told him her story. "That Hebrew slave you've brought into our house tried to come in and fool around with me," she said. **18** "But when I screamed, he ran outside, leaving his cloak with me!" *(NLT)*

## _____ And _____

_____ **- Finding fault**

_____ **- Reduced in the eyes of others, ashamed, embarrassed**

**Revelation 12:9** This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels. **10** Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, "It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—the one who accuses them before our God day and night. **11** And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. *(NLT)*

## LET GOD BE YOUR
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**Genesis 39:19** Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. **20** So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. **21** But the Lord was with Joseph in

the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. **22** Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. **23** The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed. *(NLT)*

## _____ And _____

_____ **- Being made right**

**1 Corinthians 13:4** Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud **5** or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. **6** It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **7** Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. *(NLT)*

_____ **- How you are seen by others**

**Do What Is Right…**

## YOUR _____
## DOES NOT _____
## GOD'S _____