

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture
Week 03: The Attempted Seduction of Joseph
Discussion Questions

Joseph refused Potiphar's wife by saying 'How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?' How does viewing temptation primarily as sin against God rather than just wronging people change our response to it?

Joseph experienced repeated, escalating temptation day after day. What spiritual disciplines or practices help us remain faithful when temptation doesn't go away after the first resistance?

Joseph did the right thing yet ended up in a worse situation because of false accusations. How do we maintain trust in God's bigger picture when obedience leads to suffering rather than blessing?

Potiphar's wife used Joseph's own garment as evidence against him, turning his act of fleeing temptation into apparent proof of guilt. Have you experienced times when doing right was twisted to look wrong, and how did you respond?

The sermon states that Joseph had a firm grasp that God's purpose was bigger than his current circumstances. What helps you maintain perspective on God's purposes when your immediate reality seems contradictory?

Joseph respected his job, his boss, his boss's wife, and God, with respect for God driving all other decisions. How does our reverence for God practically shape our everyday ethical choices and relationships?

The application suggests temptation is an opportunity to cling tightly to God's promises rather than let them go. What specific promises of God do you need to hold onto in your current season of testing?

Joseph went from favored son to slave to trusted overseer to falsely accused criminal. How does his journey challenge our cultural expectations that faithfulness to God should result in a steady upward trajectory?

Potiphar's wife specifically attacked Joseph's nationality in her accusation, using his Hebrew identity against him. How do cultural prejudices and stereotypes sometimes compound injustice, and how should believers respond?

The sermon asks why Joseph's story had to go from good to bad to worse. What might God be accomplishing through the 'worse' seasons in our lives that couldn't be achieved through constant comfort and success?