

Genesis: The Battle for Beginnings Week Nineteen

Genesis 39
Lessons from the Pit

Part 1: Joseph's Journey

1. The Slave Man

- Joseph had the _____.

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

- How we handle _____ reveals who has a handle on us.
- Joseph assumed God had a _____.

Romans 8:28

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

- We have to learn to handle life's _____ before we can handle life's _____.
- Joseph practiced "_____."
- Joseph was marked by boundless _____.

2. The Seduced Man

- Joseph modeled what it means to _____ to _____.
- Joseph revered God's _____ and God's _____.
- Joseph knew where the _____ were.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. 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 stand up under it.

- Fleeing takes courage and _____.

A Blueprint for Moral Purity:

1. Choose beforehand whom you will _____
2. Establish healthy _____
3. Don't coddle _____
4. _____ the scene

3. The Slandered Man

- Joseph would rather be in a prison with God's _____ than in a palace without it.
- Joseph didn't doubt in the _____ what God had revealed in the _____.
- Joseph's _____ never had a bearing on his _____.
- Joseph found _____ in prison while Potiphar's wife was unfulfilled in a palace.

Part 2: Prison Principles

1. Don't demand to _____.

Isaiah 50:10

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Just because you don't understand darkness now doesn't mean you will never understand.

- _____ can come to the child of God.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- All Joseph could see was the _____; God could see the _____.

2. Don't fail to be _____

- In prison Joseph maintained his _____ and his _____.
- Joseph's _____ made his present ministry more effective.
- You can tell the size of a Christian by what it takes to _____ him.

3. Don't bow to _____

- Christianity is all about getting what we do not _____.

4. Don't hurry _____.

- When it seems that everyone has _____ us, God never does.

Whatever you do, do it unto the Lord. Whatever someone does to you is ultimately done to the Lord.

Psalms 37:5-9

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. ⁸Refrain from anger

and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. ⁹For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.