

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) Mar 02.....Gen 28..... Responding with Faith
- 2) Mar 09..... Gen 29-31..... God's Faithfulness
- 3) Mar 16..... Gen 32-33..... Growing Spiritually through Crisis
- 4) Mar 23..... John 20; 1Cor 15..... Easter
- 5) Mar 30..... Gen 34-36..... Commitment
- 6) Apr 06..... Gen 37-38..... Dealing with Hatred
- 7) **Apr 13..... Gen 39:1-20..... Temptation**
- 8) Apr 20..... Gen 39:21-40:23..... When all Hope seems lost
- 9) Apr 27..... Gen 41..... Challenging Tasks
- 10) May 04..... Gen 42..... Broken Relationships
- 11) May 11..... Gen 43-45..... Reconciliation
- 12) May 18..... Gen 46-47:26..... Making Major Life Adjustments
- 13) May 25..... Gen 47:27-50:26..... Remain Faithful

INTRODUCTION

- Egypt plays a crucial role in world history – See chronology
- Does God direct people's lives today?
 - ♦ Who to marry? What career? Where to live?
- Can people be forced to sin? If we find ourselves in a tough situation – have we planned out our response?
 - ♦ Do we stay or flee? Do we reason or run?

Passage	Comments
39:9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph had higher morals • Even though the Mosaic law wasn't written down yet, there are still immutable and timeless laws and principles applicable to everyone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ E.g., Law against taking someone else's spouse
39:11-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph flees temptation but pays the price <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sometimes the good get punished for doing the right and noble thing • Joseph didn't run away, but apparently came back to Potiphar's household of his own free will • We are not told if Joseph tried to defend himself
39:16-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The spurned wife sought to harm the man she wanted to take to bed – go figurev17,18 • Potiphar doesn't have Joseph executed, but instead, puts him in the best prison possible – the King's prison – light security prison • It's possible Potiphar didn't exactly believe his wife, but he was forced to do something
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God was behind the scenes directing everything

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37:1-2	Joseph the snitch – but he had good reason <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad/evil report ~ same word used to describe the wickedness of Noah's day (Gen 6:5), and Sodom's evil men (Gen 13:13) • When is it appropriate to snitch on someone? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Unlawful, dangerous, wicked behavior . Eph 5:11 ♦ E.g., child/spouse abuse, illegal drugs, driving drunk, immoral behavior
39:1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph had a midas touch (God was with him)v2 • Potiphar recognized God's hand on himv3 • Joseph & Potiphar developed a win-win relationship – you bless me I bless youv4 • God's hand continued to directv5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Even one's enemies take delight..... Prov 16:7
39:6b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph was a hunk – handsome in form and appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ He got his good looks from his mom (Rachel) and G'ma Rebeka ♦ One's good looks can bring trouble
39:7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph is tested • Potiphar's wife, young & beautiful, was tempting • Similar situations are prevalent in the work place today – Bosses makes advances to underlings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sexual harassment training is often mandatory

CONCLUSION / APPLICATION FOR TODAY

- Keep away from false chargesEx 23:7
- If at all possible, live peaceably w/ all men Rom 12:18
- The righteous receive the wicked's punishment Ecc 8:14
- Sometimes we just have to acknowledge God is in control and we just have to humbly & quietly ride the train He puts us on
- Joseph abided by a little known principle – and finished well
 - ♦ **Keep quiet and watch God work Ex 14:14**

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

- Ex 14:14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still. (NIV)
- Ex 23:7 Keep far from a false charge...
- Pr 16:7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- Ecc 8:14 There is something else meaningless that occurs on earth: righteous men who get what the wicked deserve, and wicked men who get what the righteous deserve. (NIV)
- Ro 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

NEXT WEEKJoseph in Prison for doing good

