

Series: Genesis

“Joseph Was Faithful in Times of Temptation”

(Sunday Morning November 9th, 2025)

Passage: Genesis 39:5-12

1 Thes 4:3 “For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality”

Context

Potiphar was not the kind of guy you wanted to be sold to, because he was the Pharaoh’s top bodyguard; and according to the Historian Alfred Edersheim, Potiphar was also “*The C_____ of the E_____.*”

Comment

Gen 12:15 “Pharaoh’s officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house.”

Those men who are handsome and/or talented, and those women who are beautiful and talented will be more v_____ to t_____.

I. The Way That This Temptress O_____

1) She Was S_____

This is here to remind us of the fact that the eye is the gateway to the soul, and it is through the e_____ g_____ that many men and women become ensnared.

Gen 3:6 “When THE WOMAN SAW that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, ...she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.” (Emphasis Added)

2 Sam 11:2 “Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king’s house, and from the roof HE SAW a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance.” (Emphasis Added)

2) She Was S_____

Prov 7:13 “So she seizes him and kisses him (A Direct Approach) and with a brazen face she says to him: ...”

Prov 7:21-22 “21 With her many persuasions she entices him; with her flattering lips she seduces him. 22 Suddenly he follows her as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as one in fetters to the discipline of a fool”

I’m glad to say that Joseph was not a naïve simpleton like that man, and he did not succumb to this woman’s seductive and d_____ a_____.

3) She Was S_____

Luke 4:13 “When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.”

This is how the Devil is; and in this case, we are being told that the Devil had gotten into this woman; and so, this became a s_____ a_____.

4) She Was S_____

Gen 3:1 "Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"

5) She Was S_____

Eph 6:11 "Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil."

The word "schemes" is used in that verse to describe more than one attack; it is used to describe a m_____ c_____.

II. The Way That This Temptation Was O_____

1) He Was P_____

Dan 1:8 "But Daniel MADE UP HIS MIND that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank;..." (Emphasis Added)

One key takeaway today is this: a big part of resisting any kind of temptation comes from a person's willingness to maintain a p_____ r_____ to resist it.

2) He Was P_____

a. Principal # 1 = His Love for His M_____

James 2:8 (Reference)

b. Principal # 2 = His Love for His G_____

Ps 51:3-4 "3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,..."

3) He Was P_____

Matt 5:29-30 "29 If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 'If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.'"

Jesus was using a hyperbole, which He often did, and He was essentially advising us to deal with some temptations in a r_____ w_____.

4) He Was P_____

Prov 6:27 "Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?"

Ultimately, we all need the ambulance, because we have all s_____ and have fallen short of God's glory.

Ps 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us."