



# **The Creation of a Biblical Superhero!**

## **Genesis 39:6-12**



***I Grew Up On Comic Book Superheroes!***





# The Best Heroes in God's Sight are the Ones Who Would Sometimes Run Away From Trouble!

- Joseph was one of the twelve sons of Jacob (not the firstborn)
- He had dreams of, one day, his brothers and parents bowing down to him
- This “perceived arrogance” irritated his brothers, so one day when they got a chance, they kidnapped Joseph and sold him to some slave traders headed to Egypt
- In Egypt, Joseph was sold to a man named Potiphar, who was the captain of Pharaoh's guard.



# Observations

- Joseph found favor with God, even as a slave, and gained the respect of his master, being quickly promoted to head over almost everything at Potiphar's house

***EXCEPT HIS WIFE!***

- She was off limits to Joseph, but “she didn't get the memo!”
- Joseph didn't make advances on Potiphar's wife but vice-versa

# Observations

- ▶ Familiarity began to breed attraction with Potiphar's wife
- ▶ When she saw how handsome Joseph had become to her, she sought to consummate that attraction!
- ▶ Genesis 39:7 shows that she didn't waste her time getting to the point: "*sleep with me*"

Verse 10 says she shared her wishes day after day!



# Observations

- She finally thought that one day, when all of the servants were out of the house, this was her **BIG CHANCE!**
- She actually grabbed his clothes and demanded, “sleep with me!”

What was Joseph to do?

He was a lonely slave of a different race

He was trying to work his way up

If he refused her, he might lose his job!

Maybe if he flirted with her, that would suffice!



# Observations

- Joseph didn't just run in the other room, allowing her to have a second attempt
- He didn't rationalize (this is a way to get ahead)
- The Bible says he left his cloak in her arms, one that she would later use as evidence for a sexual harassment claim against him!





## Why Was Joseph So Determined to Not Sleep With His Boss' Wife? Genesis 39:8-9

*“With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in the house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”*

- Joseph realized that his goal in life was not *“livin’ your best life,”* as Snoop Dog would argue to us
- His main goal was to glorify (put God on display) and serve others



## Question: How Do You Stack Up Against Joseph?

- ▶ Do you flee temptation or do you flirt with it?
- ▶ Do we spend more time rationalizing why we really had no choice but to sin rather than burning up mental and physical energy trying to escape (longest way around....)

***If the Truth be Told, We Are More Like  
Thermometers Than Thermostats!***

***We Usually Match the Mood  
Rather Than Try to Control It!***



# Observations

- ▶ When things “heat up” with that special person in our lives, do we find it easier to “go with the flow” rather than stop before things get out of hand? (*“the point of no return”*)
- ▶ Young people, if you can’t control the situation (*and sometimes we can’t*) say, “*Goodnight and I will promise to see you tomorrow!*”
- ▶ Get a cab to drive you home from the party rather than ride with a DRUNK DRIVER! (*have some mad money with you!*)

**REMEMBER: RUNNING DOESN'T MAKE YOU A COWARD,  
BUT A HERO, LIKE JOSEPH!**



# But Preacher, Look at the Short Term Consequences!

- He ended up being unjustly convicted for sexual harassment, lost his job, his “line of progression,” and was thrown into jail, where he first began in Egypt. You call that justice?
- I don’t read where Joseph moped about his present status or got angry with God
- When he went back to prison, the Bible says that he performed his job in prison to the best of his ability.
- Obviously, he could not have put God on better display (glorify Him) than he did at Potiphar’s house
- The last verse of Genesis 39 says the Lord was with Joseph and continued to bless him to prosper in whatever he did (he will treat you the same way)

# Remember These Factors:

- You may NOT get an A because you didn't cheat on the big exam
- Your present salary may not get you the new car you want because you don't pad your timesheet at work (which is a common practice among fellow coworkers)
- You didn't falsely misrepresent your resume, and therefore you are constantly looked over for promotions and are stuck in a "dead-end" job.
- Remember, you are not working for just a pay-check if the **GOD OF THE UNIVERSE IS YOUR BOSS!**
- **LEARN TO BE CONTENT IN WHERE YOU ARE**, Philippians 4:11 *"I have learned..."*, Hebrews 13:5-6 *"Let your conversation be without covetousness....."*



# Since Joseph (our superhero) Followed God Even Through His Own Storms, What Happened to Him?

- Remember Romans 15:4
- While in prison, Joseph developed some contacts that God would later use to move him from the “jailhouse to the White House!”
- Joseph lost his coat to a woman, because he had a “second thought” about his temptation with her, and became the **SECOND MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE LAND OF EGYPT!**
- God is a God of “delayed gratification.” Joseph had to suffer “for a season” like we might have to. Hebrews 11:24-26



## **But Preacher, If Jesus Forgives All Of Our Sins, Why Fight Hard Against Temptation?**

- **In the Old Testament, God made it clear that animal sacrifices did not justify that type of attitude**
  - **In other words, you couldn't sacrifice a lamb that morning for a sin you were planning to commit that evening**
  - **Likewise, the blood that we commemorate during Holy Communion, which is for our forgiveness, doesn't cover sins we are planning to do!**
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## Hebrews 10:26-27

*“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sin is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.”*

**HOW CAN I, THEN, BE SURE  
OF MY SALVATION?**

**ANSWER:THE MERCY  
AND FORGIVENESS OF GOD!**



# God Does Not Count Our Sins Against Us, But Against Jesus!

*“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit” Psalms 32:1-2*

- We should try to walk everyday in the blessed status of forgiveness, and not of deceit (planning sin)!

*“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1John 1:7*



**Remember:**

**➔ *A Christian Superhero  
May Run Away From Sin  
To Identify Their Soul With  
The Blood Of Jesus!***



# The Plan Of Salvation



<b>Hear the Gospel</b>	<b>Acts 15:7</b>
<b>Believe the Gospel</b>	<b>Acts 15:7</b>
<b>Repent of Sins</b>	<b>Acts 17:30</b>
<b>Confess Christ</b>	<b>Acts 8:37</b>
<b>Be Baptized</b>	<b>Acts 8:38</b>