

# O.T. EXAMPLES

# JOSEPH

## SOME CONTEXT

### **Genesis 37:2–11 (ESV)**

1. Not \_\_\_\_\_ this is right ... not sure this is wrong?
2. THIS was not \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You can't help what \_\_\_\_\_ to you ... but you can use \_\_\_\_\_ in what you say and to whom you say it.

## WHEN IT ALL GOES BAD - SLAVERY

I'M NOT PERFECT ... BUT DO I \_\_\_\_\_ THIS? – when life goes really bad and you don't know \_\_\_\_\_ - *Genesis 37:12–36*

## WHEN IT ALL GOES BADDER – LET'S ADD TEMPTATION AND LIES

Don't brush past or overlook that he IS a \_\_\_\_\_. A foreign \_\_\_\_\_  
*Genesis 37:36*  
*Genesis 39:1–20*

1. This assumes how Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ respond to his horrible situation
2. Don't let the " \_\_\_\_\_ " distract you from the clear circumstances
  - He was STILL \_\_\_\_\_ by ALL his brothers (but one)
  - He was still away from his home most likely \_\_\_\_\_ and will most likely NEVER see any of them again
  - He is STILL a \_\_\_\_\_ in a foreign country will likely never improve that
  - His "success" was not in any way affecting HIS \_\_\_\_\_ or life. It was all to the benefit of his owner.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ WAS STILL BAD. He just apparently decided to honor God IN his horrible situation
3. ARE you NOT tempted to ask ... \_\_\_\_\_ did God "bless" all he did ... \_\_\_\_\_ of just not letting all this horrible stuff happen to him? Or letting him be set free?

LIFE IS BAD ENOUGH ... I don't need this issue on top of it all ...

*Genesis 39:6-10*

1. being in a horrible situation always brings its own unique set of \_\_\_\_\_... inward and outward
2. you can be going along doing right and minding your own business ... but the battle will \_\_\_\_\_ ... WHILE you're already fighting every day to do right.
3. WHAT YOU \_\_\_\_\_ BELIEVE and what really drives you IS THE KEY in the moment of temptation or testing.
4. it wasn't an offer ... it was a \_\_\_\_\_. It wasn't avoidable ... he couldn't escape it. It wasn't one time ... it kept coming. It wasn't occasional ... it was \_\_\_\_\_. It went on and on ... ON TOP OF ALL HE WAS GOING THROUGH

### WHEN IT GOES FROM BAD TO BADDER TO ABOUT AS BAD AS IT CAN – Let's just wrap all this up with FALSE imprisonment

AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU ... this is how it's going to go? - *Genesis 39:11-20*

- Integrity is often NOT “\_\_\_\_\_” by those around us
- Integrity \_\_\_\_\_ those without it
- Doing everything right and for God's glory does \_\_\_\_\_ insure you will not suffer as a wrong doer.
- FALSE ACCUSATIONS are VERY common and \_\_\_\_\_ believed
- A lifetime of \_\_\_\_\_ character can be assassinated overnight by lies (HUMANLY speaking)

### BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE – pointless life and forgotten promises

*Genesis 39:21–40:5*

This is not the result of sulking, or anger, or bitterness. Somehow Joseph works hard to \_\_\_\_\_ and invest his life wherever he ends up. \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD is evident

All that God did “good and \_\_\_\_\_” was sovereign. Gods special blessing and favor IN prison ... as well as his \_\_\_\_\_ in prison.

CAN WE SPEED THIS UP AND GET IT OVER WITH PLEASE

*Genesis 40:1 / Genesis 40:23–41:1* - How much time goes by in your suffering before you get \_\_\_\_\_ and start doing wrong?

## NOWS MY CHANCE – but I still make it about God

**Genesis 41:15–16 / Genesis 41:38–40** - Do I do whatever I think will make my life improve ... or do I just keep doing \_\_\_\_\_ and making God great no matter my situation.

**Value does not come from anything other than the extent to which a life is \_\_\_\_\_ by God**

## NOWS MY CHANCE – but I still make it about God

Yes ... same title ... because it's the pattern of Joseph - **Genesis 41:41–44**

Joseph's forgiveness started way \_\_\_\_\_ the brothers

- \_\_\_\_\_? Was he worried he was heading right back to prison ... or a hanging
- \_\_\_\_\_ – I put him in prison
- \_\_\_\_\_ – im dead?

## Joseph has the hardest test of his life – Gen 42

NOTE JOSEPHS Godliness in all of this

What is going on \_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest indicator of mercy and forgiveness  
**Genesis 42:21–24 / Genesis 43:27–30 / Genesis 45:1–8 / Genesis 45:24**

Continual generosity and kindness - **Genesis 42:25 / Genesis 45:21 / Genesis 45:16–24**

This is the clearest evidence of Josephs LONG term forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ the event

**How people respond to YOUR enemies is COMPLETELY due to what you and how you \_\_\_\_\_ (aside from the godliness of the one you are talking to)**

## HOW DOES HE DO THIS? - Genesis 45:4–8

He still acknowledges their \_\_\_\_\_ – he's not pretending nothing happened

He clearly shows \_\_\_\_\_

He clearly has a \_\_\_\_\_ focus and a \_\_\_\_\_ of God

He clearly say's it was a sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ NOT God "fixing it"