

RESPONDING RIGHT WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN DONE WRONG

(Genesis 39:21- 40:23) pt1

James 5

- Some things to be noted from past studies:

- 1) God in His grace had allowed Joseph to escape _____ & the _____ of his brothers by selling him to Midianite traders going to Egypt! (1 Cor 10:13)
- 2) We noted that God was _____ Joseph, even in Egypt (Hebrews 13:5)
- 3) The Lord made Joseph _____ as Potipher's slave ... advancing him to _____ to all he had (Gen 39:4)
- 4) This situation was _____ Joseph for a _____ God had for him in the future!

I. Responding Right When You've Been Done Wrong (James 5:7-12)

1. The **right response** to unjust suffering is one of _____ by waiting on the Lord to _____ in His timing, while letting His _____ sustain you in the suffering (James 5:7-8)

- **Principle from an earlier study:** Regardless of your _____ or _____ in life, by God's grace you can trust in God's unfailing providential _____, and be _____ to Him come what may!

2. Some **wrong reactions** to unjust suffering are: to _____ in your flesh, to _____ or seek to get even, to wallow in _____, to _____/_____ about it, to want to _____, or to cover your carnality by acting _____ and to swear to God that you'll promise to do better next time (5:9-12)

II. Could It Get Any Worse For Joseph? (Genesis 39:20-40:23)

A. How Bad Was It?

1. **Negatively:** He had gone from _____ son to menial _____, and then from _____ slave to _____ & _____.

2. **Positively:** "But God was _____ through it all." This was illustrated by:

- 1) By God selecting him to _____ from total ruin, and
- 2) By God _____ him spiritually for this mission through extreme _____ & difficult _____! (James 1:2-5; Romans 5: 3-4)

B. Lessons to Learn When Suffering Unjustly (Genesis 39:20-40:23)

1. If you seek to honor the Lord by standing on biblical _____, it may result in _____ consequences for you (39:20)

2. If you experience unjust suffering, you can _____ that the Lord will be _____ you, as will his _____ (39:21a)

3. If you respond to the Lord by _____ in your unjust suffering, God may give you _____ with others, even as Joseph experienced here (39:21b-22)

4. If you _____ to the Lord by faith instead of _____ in your flesh in your trials, you will spiritually _____ regarding what you might do in any given circumstances. (39:23)

* How can you respond to “temptation/trials” like this today? By ...

1. Remembering the _____ won at _____ (Rom. 6; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20; 6:14)

2. Remembering the _____ of _____ you can claim (Josh. 1:8; Psalm 119:11; 1 Tim. 4:15-16)

3. Relying on the _____ & the power of the _____ to resist temptation when it comes our way (2 Cor. 3:17-18; Gal. 5:16-17; 2 Tim. 4:17; Heb. 12:1-2)

4. Stop making _____ for your _____, lest you fulfill its lusts (Romans 13:14)

C. His _____ For Righteousness While in Potipher’s Home (39:13-20)

- What did Joseph receive for his faithfulness to God?
- Was God still Sovereign in this?

D. His Rise to Prominence in _____ (39:21-23)

- What are some lessons we can glean from this episode in Joseph’s life?
1. Joseph wasn’t going to sacrifice his relationship with God by indulging his flesh with Potipher’s wife!
– Here Joseph saw the _____ as the wise choice over the _____!
 2. Sometimes it’s best not to stand & _____ temptation & sin, but to _____!
 3. The reward for doing the right thing may not come until _____, as the reward for Joseph’s integrity was _____ & _____!
 4. Like the farmer in James 5:7-8, Joseph would have to _____ if his dreams would ever find fulfillment!