

## 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!