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BUT GOD

A STUDY OF THE
LIFE OF JOSEPH

"WHEN SIN COMES
KNOCKING"

GENESIS 39:1-20

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Introduction: When we last saw Joseph, he had been betrayed by his brothers and sold to slaveowners who took him to Egypt. Today we are going to discover how God rewarded Joseph's faithfulness and, at the same time, tested his faith -- just as God does with all of His children.

I. Joseph's Elevation (Genesis 39:1-6)

Genesis 39:1 "Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there."

Genesis 39:2 "The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian."

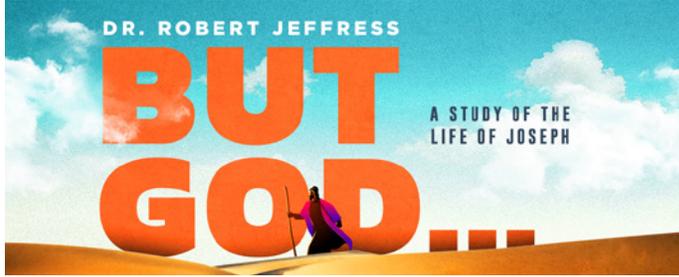
Genesis 39:3 "Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand."

Genesis 39:6 "So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him there he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate."

II. Joseph's Temptation (Genesis 39:7-12)

Genesis 39:7 "It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, 'Lie with me.'"

Genesis 39:8-9 ⁸ "But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge. ⁹ There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?'"



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Genesis 39:10 "As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her."

Romans 13:14 "... Make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."

Genesis 39:11 "Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside."

Genesis 39:12 "She caught him by his garment, saying, 'Lie with me!' And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside."

III. Joseph's Incarceration (Genesis 39:13-20)

Genesis 39:14 "She called to the men of her household and said to them, 'See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed.'"

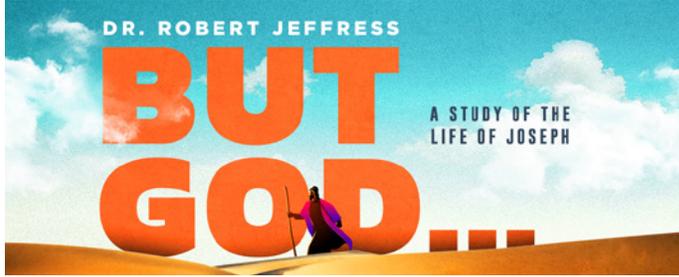
Genesis 39:19 "Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, 'This is what your slave did to me,' his anger burned."

IV. Principles That Apply To Us Today

A. Hunters Are Also the Hunted (1 Peter 5:8)

Proverbs 7:18-23 ¹⁸ "Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with caresses. ¹⁹ For my husband is not at home, he has gone on a long journey; ²⁰ he has taken a bag of money with him, at the full moon he will come home. 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, ²³ until an arrow pierces through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare, so he does not know that it will cost him his life."

1 Peter 5:8 "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."



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B. Many Times the Most Spiritual Thing We Can Do Is Run (2 Timothy 2:22)

2 Timothy 2:22 “Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”

C. Obedience Does Not Always Result in Happy Endings (1 Peter 2:20-21)

1 Peter 2:20-21 ²⁰ “For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. ²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.”

Conclusion