

RADICALLY FAITHFUL

LIVING A GOD-CONSCIOUS LIFE

GENESIS 39

INTIMATE | WALK | CHEATING

WHO IS OUR EXAMPLE

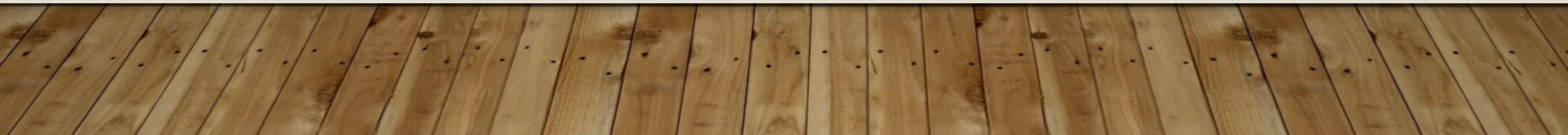
- Gen 26:3 “I will be with you and will bless you”... Abraham
- Gen 28:15 “I am with you and will keep you wherever you go”...
Jacob
- Ex 3:12 “I will be with you”... Moses
- Josh 1:5 “Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you”... Joshua
- 1 Sam 18:14 “for the Lord was with him”... David

JOSEPH FLEES

GENESIS 39

- Why did Joseph run from Potiphar's very likely super attractive wife?
- How could he resist her persistent advances?
- Why did Joseph consider it a great wickedness and sin against God, but said nothing of Potiphar?
- Why does God ask this of him and us?

- 6... Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. 7 And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, **"Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. 9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"** 10 And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.



OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

- How do you view your relationship with the Creator of all things?
 - Romans 6:18-20 – Are we only servants or slaves?
 - Romans 8:17 – Adopted children, co-heirs with Christ?
 - 1 Peter 2:9 – Chosen race, royal priesthood, people for His own possession?
- How else does God see it?
 - 2 Corinthians 11:2 – we are betrothed to one husband, to present us as a pure virgin to Christ
 - Ezekiel 16

BACK TO JOSEPH

- Understanding his relationship to God he showed us how to handle temptation (sexual, yes, but ALL), but ultimately how to value our relationship to God
 - Of course God would have forgiven a repentant Joseph, I mean c'mon right?
- What was Joseph thinking?
 - Proverbs 1:10-16

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10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

11 If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason;

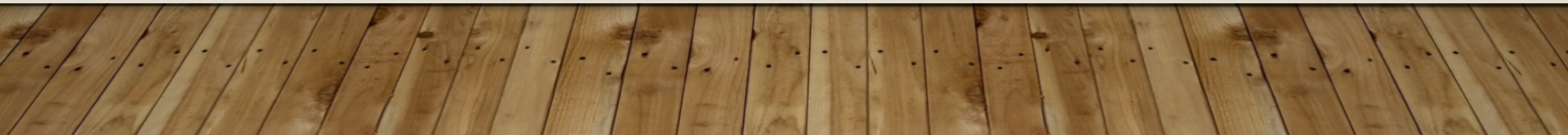
12 like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit;

13 we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder;

14 throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse"—

15 my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths,

16 for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.



SIN IS CHEATING

- Would you consider it ok, as a married person, to cheat on your spouse?
 - To flirt with other people, maybe just a quick caress? Just a wink, or a private message that's less than professional?
- No one who claims to love the Lord, would say that any of this is loving our spouse.
- Do we justify our sins the same way? Do we lower our standards to comfort our conscience?
- What do you tell yourself to make it ok?

ARE WE FAITHFUL?

- When we live in God-conscious ways, it is obvious to others. That is how Potiphar, the jail-keeper, and ultimately Pharaoh could place Joseph in charge of EVERYTHING

PROVERBS 3:6

- In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths

EXODUS 18:21

- “Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.”

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

- “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.”

EPHESIANS 5:3-5

- “But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”

CHRIST'S GREAT PROMISE

- Matt 28:20 "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." ... You?