

Series: Help for Life's Challenges – Part 3

Scripture: James 1:12

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HELP FOR OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him."

Genesis 39:6 Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" **But he refused.**

How do we handle temptation like Joseph? We need to do four things to overcome temptation...

1. _____ YOUR _____ TO OTHERS
Genesis 39:8-9 "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns **he has entrusted to my care.** No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.

2. _____ YOUR _____ TO GOD
Genesis 39:9b How then could I do such a wicked thing **and sin against God?**
James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
3. _____ THE _____ OF TEMPTATION

Genesis 39:10-12 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her **or even be with her.** One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" **But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.**

2 Tim. 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

4. GET _____ FROM _____

Genesis 39:20-21 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, **the Lord was with him;** he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

1 Corinthians 10:13 God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it.

The four stages of temptation:

James 1:14-15 Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Stage 1: D _____

Stage 2: D _____

Stage 3: D _____

Stage 4: D _____

There are two resources you need in order to fight temptation:

- 1.
- 2.