

Series Name: Joseph

Small Group Questions: Overcoming Temptation

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Read

Genesis 39:2-3; Genesis 39:21-23; Genesis 39:8-9; Proverbs 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Genesis 39:10-12

Reflect

It is inevitable that we will face temptation in this life. But, in 1 Corinthians 10:13, we are reminded that God will provide a “way out” when we find ourselves being tempted to sin. When we seek God’s guidance, he will reveal the necessary steps to freedom.

Pastor Josh Surratt highlights four tips for when you face temptation:

1. PRIORITIZE GOD’S PRESENCE

- a. God is with us always, but we may not always reflect his presence. In what ways can we prioritize God’s presence - both to lean into his support and also to reflect his goodness outward to everyone around you?
- b. How have others seen God’s presence in you, especially during a situation where you could have been tempted to sin?
- c. When do you see God’s presence the most in people around you?

4. MAGNIFY THE COST

- a. Pastor Josh mentioned that we often amplify the potential upside but minimize the “cost” of tempting situations. When has there been a time where the negative outcome of a tempting situation seemed minimal but in reality, was rather destructive?
- b. What tips or tricks help you pause and reflect on the true potential outcome of a tempting situation?
- c. In what ways have you experienced the cost of falling into temptation, whether your own or someone else’s?

5. PRE-DECIDE YOUR EXIT

- a. Pre-deciding doesn’t remove the temptation. Sometimes we need help pushing through to that pre-decision. Who in your life can be a trusted, “safe” friend or accountability partner who you can reach out to in times of temptation?
- b. What can our small group do to further ensure we all have this option?

6. TRUST GOD WITH THE OUTCOME

- a. We generally have less control over situations that we think we do, and we need to lean on God and His goodness. Reflect on a situation where you were certain things wouldn’t turn out well, but they did.

Respond:

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?