

"ROBED WITH FAVOR AND INTEGRITY"

1. In what job setting have you enjoyed the most "success"? In what areas would you say that "success is just around the corner"?

2. What kind of "boss" would you make: Everyone's pal? Law and order tough guy? A hands-on operator? A detached delegator?

3. How do Joseph's prospects look in verse 1? In verse 20? How real or remote do you think his dreams (37:5-11) are to him at these times?

4. Given his turn-about in fortune, what might Joseph be thinking now? Why do you think God allowed this to happen? What does this say about human perversity? About God's plans for Joseph? For us?

5. What tactics does Potiphar's wife use to tempt Joseph (vv.7,10,12)? In each case, how does Joseph resist? Must the circumstances and reasons cited by Joseph in verses 8-9 *necessarily* lead one to conclude as he did in verse 9c? Why or why not?

6. How does Joseph's actions compare to those of Reuben (Genesis 35:22) and Judah (Genesis 38)?

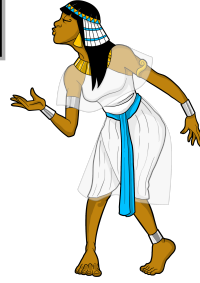
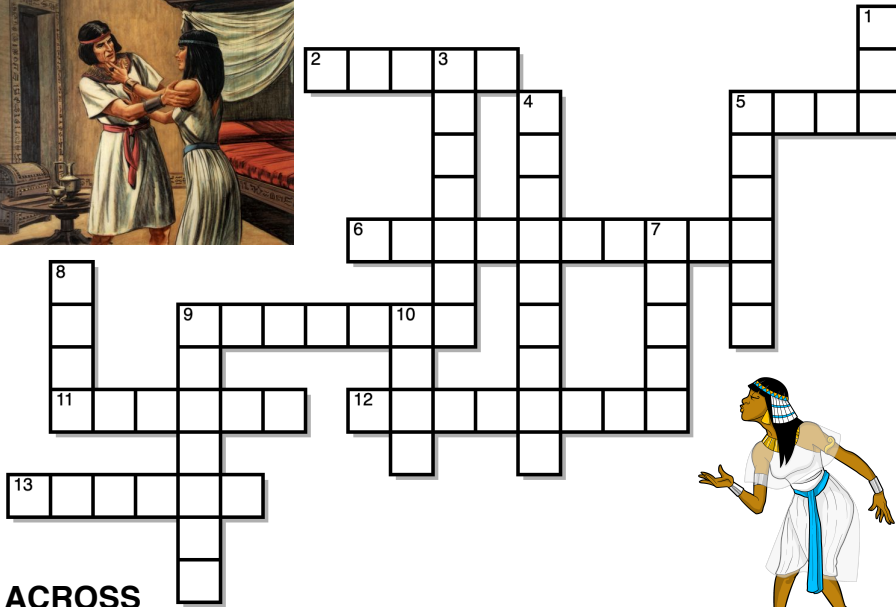
7. What truths about God and Joseph are conveyed by the symmetry of Joseph, the trusted slave (vv.1-6) and trusted prisoner (vv. 19-23)?

8. Does Potiphar buy his wife's story "hook, line and sinker"? Why or why not? If so, why doesn't Joseph receive the prescribed death penalty for adulterers?

9. When might you be more tempted to sexual indiscretion and why: (a) When left alone with an attractive member of the opposite sex? (b) When in the company of others who are breaking all the rules? (c) In a foreign culture, where you don't know all the rules and cultural trappings? (d) On your way to the top, when you feel invincible?

10. "Lord, I can resist anything but temptation." "Tough times never last, tough people do." "The Lord gave him success in whatever he did." How do those sayings fit Joseph? How do they fit you?

11. How would Romans 8:28-29 fit Joseph just now? And you?



DOWN

- 1 "how could I sin against _____?"
- 3 Potiphar is described as "an _____ of Pharaoh".
- 4 Joseph became his Potiphar's personal _____."
- 5 "The LORD's blessing was on all that he (Potiphar) owned, in his house and in his _____."
- 7 "my husband brought a Hebrew man to make _____ of us."
- 8 Potiphar had Joseph thrown into prison, where the prisoners of the _____ were confined.
- 9 Joseph left his _____ in the hand of Potiphar's wife.
- 10 "how could I do this immense _____...?"

ACROSS

- 2 "Joseph found _____ with his master".
- 5 Potiphar "did not concern himself with anything except the _____".
- 6 "the LORD made everything that he did _____."
- 9 Joseph said to Potiphar's wife "No one in this house is _____ than I am."
- 11 Potiphar is described as "the captain of the _____".
- 12 "But the LORD was with Joseph and extended _____ to him."
- 13 "He granted him favor with the prison _____."



WORD SEARCH:

- Joseph
- Egyptian
- Potiphar
- captain
- bought
- Ishmaelites
- successful
- serving
- favor
- master
- charge
- authority
- blessing
- house
- handsome
- wife
- sleep
- sin
- refused
- grabbed
- escaped
- ran
- left
- servants
- screamed
- Hebrew
- slave
- furios
- prison

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