

## **Pastor's Weekly Devotional- April 21, 2016**

### **“Joseph: An Old Testament Example of Goodness”**

The temptation was no doubt tremendous. Here was Joseph – a slave, far from home, a victim of his brothers' jealousy, a handsome, well-built man. And there she was – a powerful woman, rich, perhaps lonely and longing for intimacy. Potiphar's wife seduction was neither secretive nor shy. Genesis 39:10 says that she propositioned him repeatedly: “Come to bed with me!”

But Joseph answered out of moral goodness, “No.” Day after day, the lines between good and evil remained clear for Joseph. He knew immorality for what it was and he was not willing to soften sin by calling it “little indiscretions” or “goof-ups.”

Are you facing a tormenting temptation today? Does it taunt you daily? Do you feel overwhelmed at times? Or, are you tempted to misuse power or money? Are you toying with pornography or areas of sexual impurity? If so, be like Joseph! Stand firm in God's Goodness. Surrender to His Spirit's control. And ask yourself: “Is it worth yielding to the temptation?” You will be pleasantly surprised to hear yourself say: “No! No!”

Here's God's promise to you in times of temptation:

***“God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide a way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).***

Have a blessed week!  
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