



HOUR OF POWER

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A grayscale photograph of a hand held up, palm facing forward, with the fingers slightly spread. The hand is the central focus of the image. Overlaid on the hand is the text "RESISTING TEMPTATION" in a large, bold, red, serif font with a black outline. The text is arranged in two lines: "RESISTING" on the top line and "TEMPTATION" on the bottom line. The background is a blurred grayscale image of a person's face and upper body.



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ON RESISTING TEMPTATION — GENESIS 39:1-23

Perhaps nothing so persistently plagues Christians like temptation. Abraham was tempted to lie and fear. David fell prey to sexual immorality. Paul wrestled with pride. Even Jesus faced innumerable temptations. Personal Reflection. How would you define the word “temptation”? Spend some time reflecting. What areas of temptation do you struggle with the most? Ask God to use this study to help you with that temptation.



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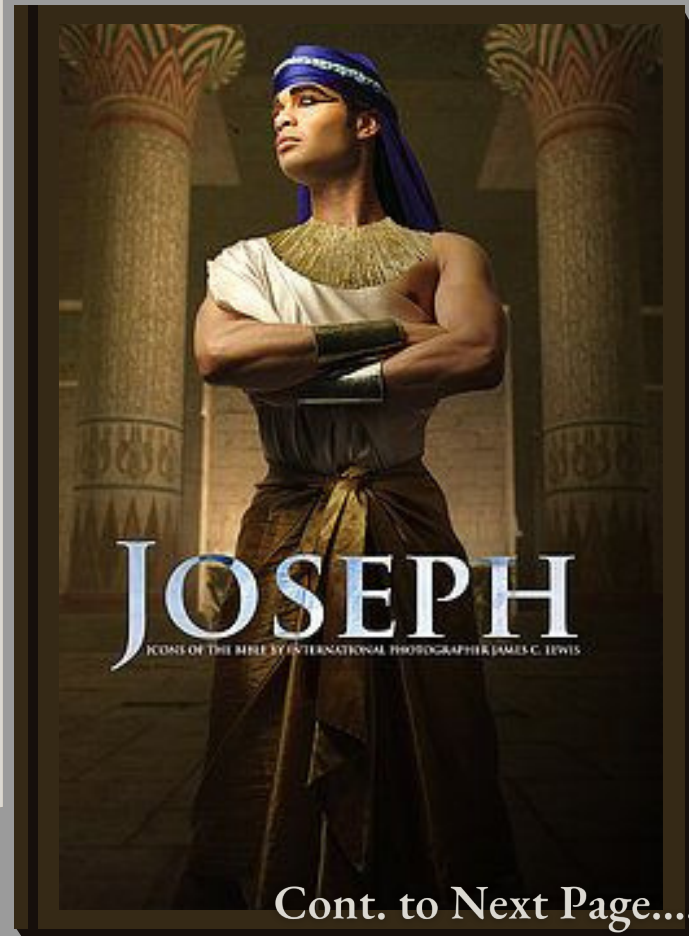


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In Genesis 39 we observe one man's struggle and victory over temptation. Joseph was the favored eleventh son of Jacob. His jealous brothers sold the seventeen-year-old Joseph into slavery. In Egypt he was again sold, this time to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials. This passage recounts the first test for Joseph as God prepared him for the crucial role he would play in Israel's history.





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1. In a few words how would you describe each of the main characters in this text—Joseph, Potiphar and Potiphar's wife?
2. Imagine yourself in Joseph's situation. What mental, emotional and physical struggles might you experience?
3. How did Joseph come to be in charge of Potiphar's household (vv. 1–4)?
4. What were the results of Joseph being placed in this position (vv. 5–6)?
5. How might this position of authority, wealth and power have affected Joseph?
6. What do we learn about Joseph's character from verses 7–9?
7. What would have made this temptation from Potiphar's wife especially difficult to resist?
8. What can you learn about overcoming persistent temptation from Joseph's example in verses 7–12?



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9. What price did Joseph pay for his obedience (vv. 13–20)?

10. What are the “Potiphar’s wives” that persistently grab at your cloak and tempt you?

How might your refusal to succumb to them be costly?

11. What are some ways God has worked in your life to help you overcome temptation?



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**SPEND TIME CONFESSING YOUR
STRUGGLES AND SINS.**

NOW OR LATER

**READ EPHESIANS 6:10–20. WHAT
ADDITIONAL WEAPONS HAS GOD GIVEN
US TO RESIST TEMPTATION?
WHAT ELSE DO YOU LEARN ABOUT
SPIRITUAL WARFARE FROM THIS
PASSAGE? ASK GOD TO PROTECT YOU.**



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