

# Turning Points

Part two of the series, "Defining Moments: When Opportunities Knock"

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*"That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. <sup>17</sup>For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! <sup>18</sup>So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever." (2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT)*

## **Choose to HONOR God rather than give in to the temptations of the FLESH.**

*"So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, <sup>7</sup>and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, 'Come to bed with me!' <sup>8</sup>But he refused. '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. <sup>9</sup>No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. **How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?**' <sup>10</sup>And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her." (Genesis 39:6-10 NIV)*

## **Choose to TRUST God and to make Him known rather than give in to fear or SELF-PRESERVATION.**

*"So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup>Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.' <sup>16</sup>'I cannot do it,' Joseph replied to Pharaoh, 'but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.'" (Genesis 41:14-16 NIV)*

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)*

## **Choose to FORGIVE instead of holding on to resentment.**

*"His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. 'We are your slaves,' they said. <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup>So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them." (Genesis 50:18-21 NIV)*

*"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13 NIV)*