

Turning Points

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

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Genesis 39-50

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, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, 'Come to bed with me!' ⁸But 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. ⁹No 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?**' ¹⁰And 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. ¹⁵Pharaoh 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.' ¹⁶'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. ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So 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)