

## Session 2: Overcomers: Overcoming temptation

- I. Gn. 39: 1-21.
  - A. The Lord's hand was on Joseph meaning the Lord's power was leading him.
    - 1. Success for Joseph meant to accomplish the Lord's purposes
    - 2. V. 2-He was being formed to be an effective leader and administrator.
    - 3. V. 4-overseer-authority over the palace and possessions of Potiphar's house
  - B. Vv. 6-18
    - 1. Temptations to Joseph was an assault on chastity
    - 2. He avoids the near occasions of sin
    - 3. He overcomes sin by refusing to place himself in circumstances that would be Tempting.
  - C. V. 20
    - 1. Prison-mild punishment considering he was a foreign slave who was accused of attempted rape of an Egyptian noble woman.
    - 2. Lord's favor upon him in prison, so he could accomplish his purposes.
- II. Overcoming temptation
  - A. RM. 7:15ff. be aware of the "war" from within. Jesus Christ has won us victory at the cross over it and we are joined to Him in baptism.
  - B. Keep before yourself in meditation your end: you will stand before the Lord as a merciful savior and Just Judge.
  - C. Avoid "near" occasions of sin
  - D. Lean on the "power of the Spirit": Accept and ask for more of the Spirit's power to grow in holiness.
  - E. Find a good Christian friend to share your struggles and/or the sacrament of reconciliation.

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  - 1. What area of your life do you find the "war" raging within?
  - 2. What are your areas of "near occasions of sin." ?
  - 3. How do you "lean" on the Lord to help you?