

OVERVIEW

God is with Joseph, in spite of his enslavement in Egypt and imprisonment based on a false accusation. God is also with you, during times of temptation and trial.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What was your first job?
Or What is your most memorable job?

Ohana Time!: Act our scenarios that portray “peer pressure moments” in contexts such as school or time with friends. What are ways to say “no” in difficult situations?

PRAYER

Pray in groups of 2-3: Pray for faith like Joseph – a faith that overcomes temptation and pursues holiness.

Pray in a large group: Give praise to God with prayers of thanksgiving.

BIBLE: GENESIS 39:1-20

1. How are Joseph’s dreams (37:5-11) fulfilled? At what moments do his dreams appear to be faltering?
2. Which of the challenges Joseph faced would be the hardest for you? 1) being isolated from family; 2) being sold into slavery; 3) being seduced; 4) being falsely accused; or 5) being thrown in prison.
3. What tactics does Potiphar’s wife use to tempt Joseph (verses 7, 10, 11)? In each case, how does Joseph resist? What do you think is Joseph’s greatest defense against temptation?
4. How could Joseph’s example help you resist temptation in general, and sexual temptation in particular?
5. What is important about the refrain “God was with Joseph” (verse 3 and 21) in this story?
6. What are other examples in Scripture of people resisting temptation? (ex. Jesus resisting the devil in Matthew 4:1-11)

APPLICATION

1. What kind of temptations do you often face? What do you think will be your greatest temptation in 2022? What will your plan of “defense” or “escape” be when you face temptation? What is one go-to Scripture passage that you can have prepared during moments of temptation?
2. What do you find really stressful about your work? (ex. coworkers, boss, unrealistic demands, anti-Christian environment, discrimination) Stressful situations can stew tempting behavior. How can Joseph’s example (and other examples in Scripture) help you pursue holiness and a Christ-like attitude in stressful situations?
3. How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 give you comfort and assurance that God is with you and will help you overcome any temptation?

