

# Succeeding With Your Choices

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SERIES: MAKING YOUR LIFE COUNT  
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Key Verse

**Genesis 39:23 (NIV)**

"...the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did."

## Two Comparisons Between Joseph's Character And Yours:

### 1. Joseph's Circumstances

A. The Bible says Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_  
at home.

**Genesis 37:4 (GN)**

"(His brothers) hated him so much they wouldn't speak to him in a friendly manner."

**Genesis 37:22 (GN)**

"Let's not kill him...let's throw him into this well so he'll die without our touching him."

B. The Bible says Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_  
at work.

**Genesis 39:7,10 (GN)**

"After a while his master's wife began to desire Joseph and asked him to go to bed with her. He refused... But she asked day after day..."

**Genesis 37:17 (LB)**

"That Hebrew slave tried to rape me!"

C. The Bible says Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_  
in prison.

**Genesis 40:14,23 (GN)**

"...Please be kind enough to mention me to the king and help me get out of this prison... But the wine steward never gave Joseph another thought -- he forgot all about him."

### 2. Joseph's Character

A. Jesus teaches me to: \_\_\_\_\_my  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 39:6 (LB)**

"Potiphar gave Joseph complete responsibility over everything he owned. He hadn't a worry in the world with Joseph there..."

**Genesis 39:22-23 (LB)**

"The Jailer soon handed over the entire prison administration to Joseph...and had no more worries after that, for Joseph took care of everything..."

**Genesis 41:38 (LB)**

"Pharaoh said, 'Who could do a better job than Joseph? For he is a man who is obviously filled with the Spirit of God.'"

**Luke 16:10 (Ph)**

"The person who is faithful in the little things will be faithful in big things, and the one who cheats in the little things will cheat in big things too."

B. Jesus teaches me to: \_\_\_\_\_my  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 39:10**

"And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her."

**Genesis 38:8-9 (LB)**

"...My master trusts me with everything in this entire household...How can I do such a wicked thing as this? It would be a great sin against God!"

**Proverbs 14:32 (GN)**

"Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil, but good people are protected by their integrity."

C. Jesus teaches me to: \_\_\_\_\_in  
God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 45:7-8**

"God sent me ahead of you...to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God."

**Genesis 50:20**

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

**Philippians 1:27 (Ph)**

"But WHATEVER HAPPENS, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ."

#### Small Group Questions:

1. Discuss with your group some ways our characters and circumstances are similar to Joseph's. What does the Bible teach you about these comparisons? (See verses on this outline)
2. How did Joseph exemplify responsibility during his time? At what cost? And at what result? (see verses above) What personal application can you make from this lesson?
4. Take time now to pray for the needs of your group.

#### ANSWER KEY:

Rejected; Slandered; Forgotten; Fulfill; Responsibility; Maintain; Integrity; Trust; Sovereignty.

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