

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Faithfulness Through All Generations
Genesis 39:1-23 - "Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Can you think of a time in your life when you had specific expectations of how God would work that He didn't meet?
What was the situation and why did you have those expectations of the the Lord?
On the other side of that circumstance, could you see how the Lord had His hand upon you through all of it?
3. How does Joseph respond when approached by Potiphar's wife to "lie with [her]"?
How does He resist time and again when he is approached by her to sin in this way?
As you look at Joseph's response here, do you find it helpful as you consider facing your own temptations?
Why is it important to remember that our sins are - first and foremost - sins against God?
How does remembering God's goodness to us (think of all we have in Christ) help us to resist temptation?
4. In the midst of the hard times, the Lord is clearly working in and through Joseph (& preparing him for a great purpose).
How have you seen the Lord work in your life specifically during hard seasons of life?
At the conclusion of that season, did you find that the Lord was using that time to prepare you for another season?
Has that impacted your perspective on other circumstances where you've found yourself facing hardship?
How do verses like Matthew 5:10-12 and 1 Peter 3:13-17 help us to maintain an eternal perspective?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these encourage, convict, or challenge you, & if so, how?
God blesses Joseph & others see God in Him!
Live in such a way that others see God in us!
Joseph knows that all sins are against God first!
In light of God's goodness; choose to do right!
Joseph honors God even in dark circumstances!
When darkness is all around, look to the Light!
God is at work in all that Joseph experiences!
God's always working out His plans; trust Him!