

## WOMEN OF FAITH, PRACTICING INTEGRITY, AND LIVING IN CHRIST

Special Topics Unit - Practicing Integrity - *Joseph, The Faithful Man Who Saw Tomorrow* - Oct. 29, 2017

Text: Gen.39:1-23; 45:1-28; 50:22-26

Intro; Joseph was a P\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ ER! Even though Joseph suffered a great deal, he always kept his F\_\_\_\_\_ and survived because he T\_\_\_\_\_ ED God! In Joseph's story, we also see God's providential working in His saving of the \_\_\_\_\_ because of Joseph's placement in Egypt. From Joseph's life, we can see that we must choose what is G\_\_\_\_\_ and R\_\_\_\_\_ despite any temptation that might draw us away from Christ!

### I. Gen. 39:1-23 A Person of Integrity Does the Right Thing in the Face of Temptation

1. What would you say the theme of Joseph's life in Egypt is?

2. It is obvious that God was with Joseph. Can you name some other O.T. people that God's presence in their lives gave them strength to accomplish God's will?

3. Can you see any similarities in Joseph's life and Jesus' life?

4. Paul gives us some encouragement about temptation in 1 Cor.10:13. What are ways to overcome temptation?

\* The problem with temptation starts when we G\_\_\_\_\_ in to the test rather than G\_\_\_\_\_ ING in to God! How can we avoid tempting situations?

### II. Gen.45:1-28 A Person of Integrity Does What Is Right in Light of the Big Picture

1. Why do you think Joseph tested his brothers about Benjamin?

2. From this chapter, what is the reason Joseph survived this ordeal?

3. Read Genesis 15:13-14. How does this passage tie in with Gen.50:24-26, and Heb. 11:22?

4. What are some questions we need to ask ourselves if we are faced with ethical choices that will affect our integrity? (Example: Is what I am about to choose legal?)

5. Read Isa.53, Jer.31, Matt.16, Jo.3 & 4,19-21, 1 Co.15, Col.1-2, & Heb.9-10. Briefly describe the common theme/themes/points that run through these passages. Try to use less than 5 words to describe each of them. Then, what is God trying to tell you today from these readings?

### III. A Person of Integrity Does What Is Right in View of God's Promises

1. Gen.47:27-31 What request did Jacob make of Joseph? Just like Joseph's request to his brothers, is there anything unusual about the request considering the circumstances? What did they trust in?

2. Integrity is measured by what we do when nobody is L\_\_\_\_\_!

\*Do you act the same on Monday as you do on Sunday?

3. There is a saying that we should "Live today in light of eternity". What does that mean?

Read 2 Cor.5:6-10 & 1 Jo.2:28. What do they have to say about living in the light of eternity?

*We weren't created just to live on earth for 60 or 80 years. Every baby born on earth is headed toward eternity. You are headed toward eternity. You were made for it. You are meant to experience eternity in the fullness of life with the Father. For a Christian, death is simply the doorway you must pass through to transfer into the realm of eternity. Tony Evans*

Text for 11/5/17: 1 Corinthians 1:10-31 *Undivided; Unity in Christ*