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***Recap of 7/19/09:***

*1. For Joseph temptation and testing come at the time of his greatest success. Success often gives rise to greater testing than does failure or adversity.*

*2. Joseph succeeded in resisting temptation to sexual sin for several reasons:*

*-He rightly called Potiphar’s wife’s invitation to sexual sin what it was, a “wicked thing” and “sin.” He did not try to justify wrong behavior by calling it something else (“my wife/husband doesn’t understand me like you do,” “I’ve found my soul mate,” “What goes TDY stays TDY.”*

*-He realizes that ultimately he would be sinning against God (not just himself, Potiphar, or his wife)*

*-He took steps to avoid her (Romans 13:14)*

*-He fled the compromising situation*

*3. We must think through our strategy for dealing with sexual temptation:*

*-We must have a strategy for purity including things such as allowing our spouse free access to all electronic/phone communications (email accounts, cell phone, websites, etc.); except for work situations avoid being alone with a person of the opposite sex, etc.*

*-We must count the cost of moral failure. We should make a list of the people and things most important to us in life and then think through the devastation that our moral failure would bring to us and to them.*

*-We must immediately call upon God in the moment of temptation (1 Corinthians 10:12,13)*

*-We must be growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ (through the word, Bible study, prayer) we can pursue sin or Jesus but we can’t be pursuing both.*

*-We must retrain our thinking and attitudes about sex and sexuality so that they are Biblical*

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**Genesis 39:1–20a**

 I. Elevated vv. 1-6a

 II. Tested vv. 6b-12

III. Falsely accused vv. 13-20a