

Genesis 31-50

Lesson 6: Genesis 39

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1. Read Genesis 39.
2. What country was Joseph taken to, 39:1? _____
3. Who bought him from the Ishmaelites, 39:1? _____
4. What phrase in 39:2 and 39:21 explains Joseph’s success in the midst of his trials? Keep an eye out for similar phrases throughout the story of Joseph. _____

5. What did Potiphar observe about Joseph, 39:3? _____

6. What level of authority did Potiphar give to Joseph, 39:4-6? And, what was the result of this, 39:5? _____

7. What is noted about Joseph’s appearance, 39:6? What are some temptations this could lead to? _____

8. What excuses might Joseph have made to participate in the relationship with Potiphar’s wife, 39:7,10-12? _____

9. What two reasons did Joseph give for not engaging in the relationship with her, 39:8-9?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
10. How did Potiphar’s wife turn the situation around on Joseph, 39:12-18? Explain how some might use this as a justification to do what they know to be wrong. _____

11. What *may* indicate Potiphar knew there was more to the situation that his wife was telling, 39:19-20? _____
12. How did Joseph fare in the prison and why, 39:21-23? _____
