

Reviewing Deuteronomy 8:1-5 and this week's message about Joseph, what hope does God give you during these "desert" experiences in your life?

### TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at this week's sermon, is there anything you'd specifically pray for?

2. Are there any temptation avoidance or exit strategies you feel like you need to add or refocus in your life?

3. Any other prayer requests?

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Genesis 39:1-23

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## JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR

Genesis 39:1-23

### IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE, JOSEPH WAS STRIPPED OF HIS...

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### HOW GOD DEVELOPS CHARACTER... QUESTIONS TO ASK IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE

1. WILL I BE A \_\_\_\_\_?

2. WILL I BE \_\_\_\_\_?

*Lessons from Joseph:*

3. WILL I \_\_\_\_\_ IN ORDER TO NOT SIN?

## **Growth Group Homework**

For the Week of September 26, 2010

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

**1.** If you could choose one all expenses paid event to attend, which one would it be and why?

- Presidential Inauguration
- Filming of your favorite TV show
- An NFL playoff game (not the Super Bowl)
- Academy Awards
- Front row at a Broadway production
- Behind the scenes tour of Disneyland

**2.** This week we saw Joseph go from arrogance to humility in Potiphar's house. Have you ever had a time in your life or a situation when God stripped you of something significant and got your attention regarding a harmful attitude, action, or perspective and really began to change it? If so, explain.

**3.** Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse, or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

### **DIGGER DEEPER**

**1.** The centurion in **Luke 7:1-10**, like Joseph, found himself in a chaotic situation that humbled and moved him toward trusting God. As you read his story, what took place that caused the centurion to humbly trust God?

What are some other ways he could have potentially responded?

**2.** When it comes to resisting temptation, most of us don't plan on messing up our lives. Unfortunately temptation works subtly at taking us step by step to entice us into sin. King David experienced both this and the adverse effects firsthand. As you read his story in **2 Samuel 11**, compare him to Joseph and identify how he failed to put into practice steps to protect his character.

**3.** When God gets our attention by putting us in Potiphar's house, it can be quite humbling and frightening to admit. What hope and incentive do the following verses give us when this occurs?

Psalms 138:6

Proverbs 18:12

Isaiah 57:15

Matthew 18:14

James 4:6

**4.** List the reasons God gives the Israelites for taking them through the desert for forty years in **Deuteronomy 8:1-5**?