

GENESIS

Week 4

Characteristic #1: Faithfulness

"Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, 'Come to bed with me!' But he refused, 'With me in charge,' he told her, 'my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?'

(Genesis 39:7-9)

Characteristic #2: Compassion

"After they had been in custody for some time, each of the two men - the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison - had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house. 'Why are your faces so sad today?' 'We both had dreams,' they answered 'but there is no one to interpret them.' Then Joseph said to them, 'Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.' (Genesis 40:4-8)

Characteristic #3: Resilience (through Faith)

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Genesis 50:20)

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus

NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER

February 13th is the last day to submit your nominations for the next Local Board of Administration members. Scan the QR code below to see the qualifications and to submit your nomination.



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22nd 6:30pm

We are having Ash Wednesday services this year with live preaching at both campuses. Childcare is available for ages birth through 3-years-old

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from New International Version [NIV]

Pastor Josh Howard, February 12, 2023

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