

**God's Story – Our Story**  
*Joseph - Swipe Left on Temptation*  
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*Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. <sup>7</sup> And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup> But he refused. Genesis 39:6-8 (ESV)*

**Temptation Truths**

- Doing right doesn't make me immune from temptation.

*His master recognized that GOD was with him, saw that GOD was working for good in everything he did. Genesis 39:3 (MSG)*

- There's a positive and negative side to temptation.

*Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. James 1:15 (NIV)*

*Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Genesis 22:1 (NIV)*

- Temptation ALWAYS calls for a decision.

*No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

**Temptation Instructions**

1. Don't put yourself in the place of temptation.

*She kept putting pressure on Joseph, day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible. Genesis 39:10 (NLT)*

*Instead, live like the Lord Jesus Christ did, and forget about satisfying the desires of your sinful nature. Romans 13:14  
(Good News Translation)*

2. Value the presence of God.

*But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the LORD made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. Gen. 39:21 (NLT)*

*Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel. Philippians 4:7*

3. Soak yourself in God's word daily.

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11 (NIV)*

4. Make a commitment to God's standards.

*"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word." Psalm 119:9 (NLT)*

*"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable. 1  
Thessalonians 4:3-4 (NIV)*

## **MY NEXT STEP:**

- BEGIN a relationship with Jesus today.
- JOIN us tonight for a CALL to PRAYER – 5:00. ➤
- SAVE THE DATE –Night of Worship – May 5<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm. ➤
- INVITE someone to join you for our Mother's Day Celebration, May 12<sup>th</sup>.