

Sunday, April 6, 2025

GENERATIONS

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Integrity Like a Pickle
Genesis 39:1-23

Three Arenas Where We Demonstrate Integrity

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Study Guide

For the week of April 6, 2025

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

What is integrity?

Why is it important?

Why is it a concern for Christians?

How does one build integrity?

How does one lose integrity?

How can we help one another have greater integrity?

Who took Joseph to Egypt?

How old is Joseph when he arrives in Egypt?

Do you think being sold as a slave was a cruel act by Joseph's brothers?

How could they live with their decision?

Who bought Joseph?

Read Genesis 39:1-6. What happens to Potiphar's household when Joseph starts working there?

What kind of position did Potiphar give Joseph?

What changes do you think took place in Joseph during this time?

How would you feel if you were sent to a foreign country and never heard from or saw your family again? Would you work as hard as Joseph or would you mope and not care about anything?

What do you think made Joseph care enough to be so good?

Read Genesis 39:7-20. Who took an immoral interest in Joseph? How did Joseph handle the situation?

Joseph was sold into slavery by his own family. Wouldn't it have been understandable for him to give in to Potiphar's wife? What is the difference between explainable and excusable behavior? How do you tell the difference?

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How did Potiphar's wife frame Joseph? Does this kind of thing happen today?

Read Genesis 39:20-23. What did integrity get Joseph?

Potiphar could have had Joseph killed. Why do you think he didn't do that?

Do you think Potiphar believed his wife?

Did the prison sentence shake Joseph's faith?

What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study?

How can we pray with you about those needs?

2. Imagine yourself in Joseph's shoes sitting in a prison cell without any hope of freedom. What thoughts, feelings, or doubts might you have about your family? About yourself? About God? Through God's miraculous intervention, Joseph is pulled from the pit of prison and made the second most powerful person in Egypt. When his brothers come to him for help and food, Joseph invites them to bring their father and live in Egypt. Read Genesis 50:1-14. What happened after Jacob died? Who went to bury Jacob? What do you think that trip was like?

3. Read Genesis 50:15-18. What assumptions were the brothers making about Joseph? Why do you think Joseph wept? Why do you think the brothers bowed down before him? Why do those closest to us sometimes hurt us the deepest? In the Bible, Numbers Chapter 1 lists the 12 tribes of Israel. They are the descendants of the sons of Jacob—Joseph and his brothers. Even Joseph's abusive brothers are part of God's "chosen people." What does that tell you about God?

4. Read Genesis 50:19-21. Joseph asks, "Am I in the place of God?" How does knowing God's place help us forgive those who have hurt us? What is God's place? What are some good things that came out of what happened to Joseph? When you look back at old hurts in your life, can you see how God was working in them to sanctify you? Was it pleasant? Was it for the best? Explain.

Consider memorizing
1 Thessalonians 4:3-5.

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