



Joseph: Is My Integrity Rock Solid?

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. John told a story of a small crack in one eyebar of a great bridge causing the collapse of the bridge and the death of 46 people. Compare that to cracks/compromises in integrity- how does it damage the individual? How does it damage those around them?
3. Read **Genesis 39:1-10**. Remembering Joseph's trials so far, consider **verse 2** and his behavior Potiphar's wife. When you have faced trials, have you ever let yourself become bitter toward God and "taken what you can" from this life? What were the results?
4. John's big idea was, "temptation will strengthen or erode your integrity." How can we develop a faith and character that will respond as Joseph did- drawing close to God and living with integrity (whole-hearted devotion to doing what's right in God's eyes/ **Psalm 86:11**)
 - a. Recognize sin's consequences (**Gen 39:9**)
 - b. Refuse your tempter (**Gen 39:8,10**)
 - c. Run from temptation (**Gen 39:12**)
 - d. Repent, repent, repent, REPEAT!
5. Read **1 Corinthians 10:12-13**. What is the warning for all of us? What is the hope for all of us? Share an example of when the Lord gave you a "way out" of temptation.
6. Read **Hebrews 4:14-16**. In your own words, describe what it means for all believers that Jesus was tempted in every way and was without sin. Why does this allow us to "approach the throne of grace with confidence?"

Next Steps: Have the courageous conversation in your group- are there areas of compromise in your integrity? (**Proverbs 28:13; James 5:16**) How can your group support one another and hold each other accountable, praying for one another regularly?

Immediately follow this conversation with **Prayer:** ask for God's grace and for a release of shame; ask for recognition of the consequences of sin and an understanding of what is at stake (marriage, relationships, career, ministry, God's dreams for your life); ask to see the benefits of repenting and strengthening integrity; commit yourselves again to the Lord