SUCCEEDING IN SPITE OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES Level UP: Choosing to Live at a Higher Level Elder Pathina Chambers

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and ask him to let me out of here." Genesis 40:14 (LB)

Genesis 40:23 (LB)

"The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did." **Genesis 39:23 (NIV)**

JOSEPH'S CIRCUMSTANCES HE WAS AT HOME "When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him." Genesis 37:4 (NIV) "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him. Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father." Genesis 37:22 (NIV) HE WAS SEDUCED AND _____ AT WORK "And after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, Come to bed with me!" Genesis 39:7 (NIV) "And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her." **Genesis 39:10 (NIV)** "She told him her story. That Hebrew slave you've had around here tried to rape me." **Genesis 39:17 (LB)** HE WAS ______ BY FRIENDS IN PRISON "And please have some pity on me when you are back in his favor, and mention me to Pharaoh,

"Pharaoh's wine taster, however, promptly forgot all about Joseph, never giving him a thought."

JOSEPH'S CHARACTER

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"So Potiphar gave Joseph the complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. He hadn't a worry in the world with Joseph there, except to decide what he wanted to eat! Joseph, by the way, was a very handsome young man. One day at about this time Potiphar's wife began making eyes at Joseph, and suggested that he come and sleep with her. Joseph refused. Look, he told her, my master trusts me with everything in the entire household; he himself has no more authority here than I have! He has held back nothing from me except you yourself because you are his wife. How can I do such a wicked thing as this? It would be a great sin against God."

Genesis 39:6–9 (LB)

"In fact, the jailer soon handed over the entire prison administration to Joseph, so that all the other prisoners were responsible to him. The chief jailer had no more worries after that, for Joseph took care of everything, and the Lord was with him so that everything ran smoothly and well."

Genesis 39:22–23 (LB)

"As they discussed who should be appointed for the job, Pharaoh said, Who could do it better than Joseph? For he is a man who is obviously filled with the Spirit of God." **Genesis 41:38 (LB)**

"No! For unless you are honest in small matters, you won't be in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities." **Luke 16:10 (LB)**

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"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? And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her." **Genesis 39:8–10 (NIV)**

"Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil deeds, but good people are protected by their integrity." **Proverbs 14:32 (GNB)**

"God sent me ahead of you to rescue you in this amazing way and to make sure that you and your descendants survive. So it was not really you who sent me here, but God. He has made me the king's highest official. I am in charge of his whole country; I am the ruler of all Egypt."

Genesis 45:7–8 (GNB)

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people." **Genesis 50:20 (NLT)**

MEMORY VERSE: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." **Proverbs 3:5–6 (NIV)**

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**

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MY NEXT STEPS TODAY:

- I will memorize Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)
- ➤ I will accept Christ for the first time
- ➤ I will join the New Life church family
- > I will sign up for the next baptism
- ➤ I will move forward in spite of my circumstances-NO EXCUSES!

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