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Lesson #27--THE MAN WHO SAID "NO"
Scripture: Genesis 39:1-20

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. Who bought Joseph as a slave in Egypt? _____
2. Why did Joseph do so well at his job? _____
3. What position did Potiphar give Joseph? _____
4. Who asked Joseph to make love to her? _____
5. Did Joseph do it? _____ Why? _____
6. How often did she try to tempt Joseph? _____
7. When Joseph ran away from her one day, what did she take from him? _____
Then what did she do? _____
8. What lie did she tell the servants and her husband? _____
9. What did Potiphar do to Joseph? _____
10. Was Joseph better off because he said "No" to Potiphar's wife? _____ Why? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - Proverbs 1:10, "My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent."

Older ones - Mark 14:38

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: Read the story closely and then on the back of this page list all the things that happened to Joseph because the Lord was with him. Is He with you?

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS:

1) Again in this story we encounter the age-old problem of "the birds and the bee." Actually it should be no problem. Our children eight or nine years old and up (depending on their maturity, of course) are old enough to know exactly what Potiphar's wife was up to. If we who are parents do not teach our children such things, they will learn them from much less reliable and wholesome sources. Can you think of a better way to introduce such training than around a Bible in family study? On the other hand the very young child is too young to know the intentions of this fickle woman. We will fully satisfy such a child's curiosity and his need to know the story by telling him simply that Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph to make love to her. Make no mistake, the youngest child can tell you that this was wrong.

2) Have you bothered to show your children a map to be sure that they know where Egypt is in relation to the home and fairly that Joseph left? If you do not have a map of the Bible land for this period of history, you should get a small one to use in your home study in the months to come.

FOR ADULT STUDY: I Cor 6:13; Rom 1:29; Acts 15:20; II Cor 12:21; Gal 5:16-19; Ex 20:4; Mt 5:28; I Cor 6:9; I Thes 4:1-8.