

# Overcoming Life's Challenges

*Lessons from the Life of Joseph*

*Part 2*

Overcoming Temptation: The Power of Character

*Genesis 39:1-20*



**Overcoming Rejection:**

*The Power of Courage*

**Overcoming Temptation:**

*The Power of Character*

**Overcoming Disappointment:**

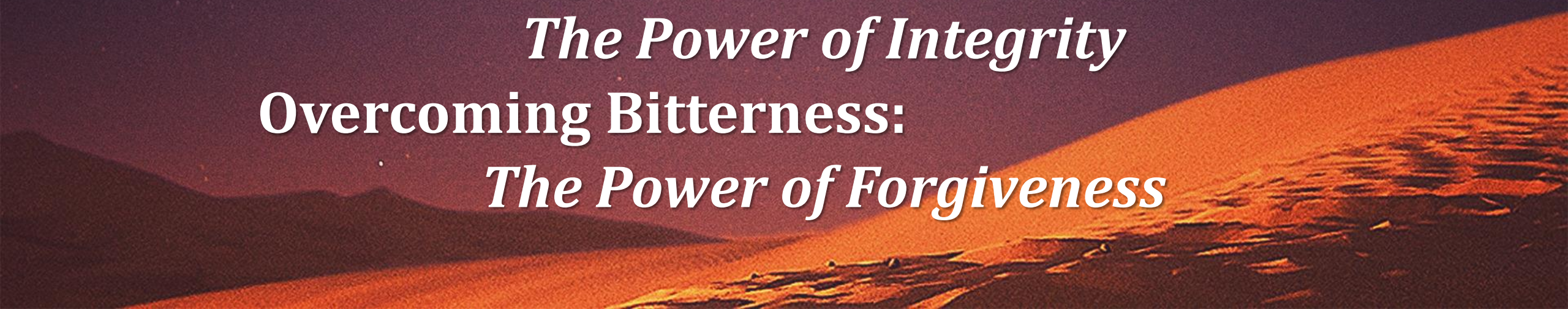
*The Power of Trust/Hope*

**Overcoming Success:**

*The Power of Integrity*

**Overcoming Bitterness:**

*The Power of Forgiveness*



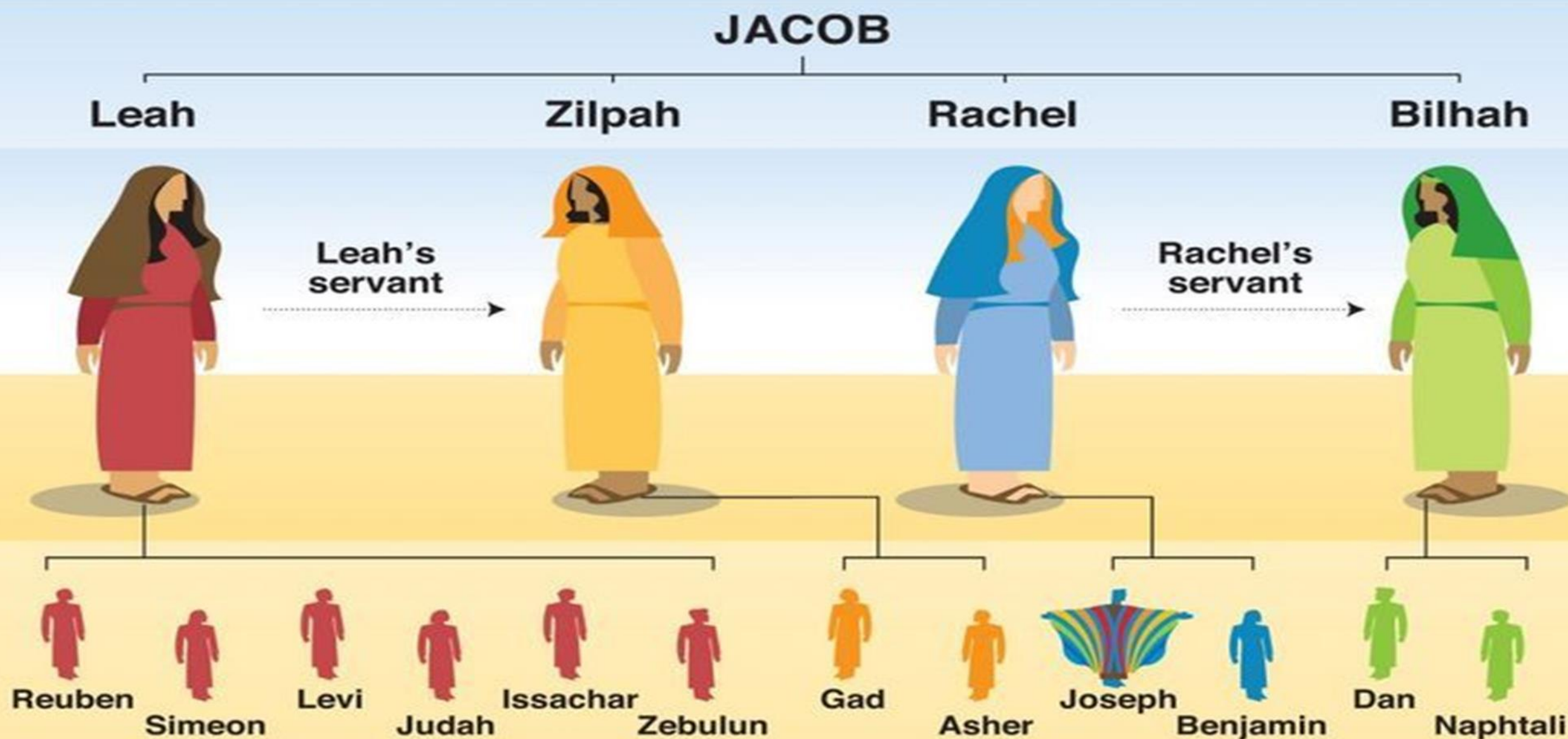


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# Jacob's Family







# Joseph's Testimony

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- Pleasant personality; cooperative & helpful
- Hard working & diligent
- Honest & trustworthy; integrity

## Character







## Joseph's Testimony

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# HE REFUSED



**1. Determine to live by Biblical values.**





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**2. Be aware of the temptation  
warning signs.**





1. Temptation comes at vulnerable times (v.7).
2. Temptation comes in vulnerable areas.
3. Temptation comes in attractive packages.
4. Temptation comes in relentless patterns.

***temptation***



**3. Be committed to  
uncompromising responses.**





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over temptation, we need to ...**

***R*emember your promises**

***U*nderstand the consequences**

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## **Proverbs 6:27-28**

Can a man scoop fire into his lap and not be burned? Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet?



## Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.



## **Psalm 32:3-4**

When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.



## Psalm 51:3-4

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:



# **Psalm 51:8-12**

Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.



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**“If we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just  
to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.”**

1 JOHN 1:9