### Overcoming Life's Challenges

Lessons from the Life of Joseph



Overcoming Disappointment: The Power of Trust Genesis 39:20 - 40:23 **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 If we are going to be victorious over temptation, we need to ...

L'emember your promises Understand the consequences ever play around with sin

## Disappointment #1 Untrue Accusations

Genesis 39:14-18



## Disappointment #2 Unfair Incarceration

Genesis 39:20-23



# Disappointment #3 Unfulfilled Expectations

Genesis 40:1 - 41:1





"...must tell the people what we have learned here. We must tell them. There is no pit so deep that He is not deeper still. They will listen to us, Corrie, because we have been here." -Betsie (sister)

#### When disappointed ...

- 1. Remember that God has not, nor will ever abandon you.
  - "but the Lord was with Joseph" (39:21).
- 2. Choose to trust God regardless of the circumstances.

Lesson #1 was about CONTENTMENT.

Lesson #2 was about PATIENCE.

Lesson #3 was about PROVIDENCE.

### Providence

God is in control of our lives. Nothing happens by accident

#### How Firm a Foundation

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteousness, omnipotent hand."

-Robert Keen

#### How Firm a Foundation

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose.

I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no, never, no never forsake!"

-Robert Keen