

Potiphar's Wife

Genesis 39

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Joseph quickly adjusted to his life as a slave. The Lord made Joseph successful in all that he did. Potiphar was impressed with him and trusted him, eventually putting Joseph in charge of his entire household. The Lord caused everything to run smoothly and Potiphar no longer had anything to worry about.

But one day, Potiphar's wife came to Joseph and said, "Have sex with me."

Joseph refused, "Your husband trusts me. I would never betray him like that; and it would be a terrible sin against God."

But she was relentless, at him day after day. Then once when no one else was around, she grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, "Come to my bed!" Joseph slipped out of his cloak, leaving it in her hands, and ran from the house.

She screamed. And when the servants came, she made up a story about what had happened. When her husband came home, she told him the same story. "That Hebrew slave came into my room to rape me. When I screamed, he ran away, leaving this behind." She showed him Joseph's cloak.

Potiphar was furious. He put Joseph in prison. Even there the Lord made Joseph successful in all that he did. The prison warden was impressed with him and trusted him, eventually putting Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and of everything that happened in the prison. The Lord caused everything to run smoothly and the warden no longer had anything to worry about.