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It's Time



### **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens*

- It's Time – to get serious about sin

### **Genesis 39:1-6**

*Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.*

- Joseph served Potiphar for 11 years.

### **Genesis 39: 6-10**

*Now Joseph was well-built and handsome and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" 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.*

- Joseph called it what it was- sin.
- The first step for us in overcoming sin in our lives is by calling it what it is- sin.
  - Honesty is the precursor to victory.

### **Genesis 39: 11-12**

*One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.*

- The second step in overcoming sin in our lives is we have to run from it.

### **Genesis 39:13-15**

*When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."*

- Joseph kept his most important asset, his integrity, in his relationship with God.
- The third step in overcoming sin in our lives is we have to be willing to walk away from our sin no matter what the cost.
  - God will always sacrifice our short term comfort for His long term purpose.
- It's time because time is short!

### **Romans 13:11-12**

*And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*