

ESCAPING TEMPTATION
Escaping The Temptation Of Lust
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B. Rely on God for mind power.

⁹ *"There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"*
Genesis 39:9

Sexual sin always begins in the mind.

²⁸ *"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."*
Matthew 5:28

⁵ *"casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,"*
II Corinthians 10:5

¹⁷ *"...you shall not covet your neighbor's wife..."*
Exodus 20:17b

C. Rely on God for touch control.

¹⁰ *"So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her."*

¹¹ *But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside,*

¹² *that she caught him by his garment, saying, 'Lie with me.' But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside."*
Genesis 39:10-12

Once physical contact is made then it requires more and more to satisfy desires, therefore limit physical contact before marriage.

³ *"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;*

⁴*that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,"*

I Thessalonians 4:3-4

²² *"Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."*
II Timothy 2:22

ESCAPE THE TEMPTATION OF LUST

Introduction:

A. Do you struggle with persistent temptations?

Temptation touches every life, often leaving us feeling weary, discouraged, or alone. Yet God speaks hope into our struggle through His Word:

"No temptation has overtaken you except such is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

A brief theology of temptation:

- It is not a sin to be tempted.
- We face common temptations.
- There is always a way to escape temptation.

B. In this Escaping Temptation teaching series, we will explore how God meets us in our weakness, strengthens us through His faithfulness, and lovingly guides us toward the way of escape restoring our confidence, renewing our hearts, and leading us into freedom.

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TEXT: Genesis 39:1-12

Joseph is a really good example of escaping the temptation of lust.

¹² *"that she caught him by his garment, saying, 'Lie with me.' But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside."*
Genesis 39:12

HOW TO ESCAPE THE TEMPTATION OF LUST

I. REMEMBER THE PRESENCE OF GOD

¹ *"Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.*

² *The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.*

³ *And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.*

⁴ *So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.*

⁵ *So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field.*

⁶ *Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate..."*
Genesis 39:1-6a

¹³ *"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."*
Hebrews 4:13

¹⁵ *"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!*

¹⁶ *Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For 'the two,' He says, 'shall become one flesh.'*

¹⁷ *But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

¹⁸ *Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body."*
I Corinthians 6:15-18

II. RECOGNIZE THE PLAN OF GOD

⁶ *"...Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.*

⁷ *And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, 'Lie with me.'*

⁸ *But he refused..."*
Genesis 39:6b-8a

God's plan for sex is one man and one woman who are husband and wife.

²⁴ *"Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

²⁵ *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."*
Genesis 2:24-25

⁴ *"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4*

¹ *"I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?"*
Job 31:1

III. RELY ON THE POWER OF GOD

¹⁶ *"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."*
Galatians 5:16

A. Rely on God for word power.

⁸ *"But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.'"*
Genesis 39:8

Untamed words often lead to untamed actions.

¹ *"My son, pay attention to my wisdom; lend your ear to my understanding,*

² *That you may preserve discretion, and your lips may keep knowledge.*

³ *For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil;"*
Proverbs 5:1-3

¹⁴ *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer."*
Psalm 19:14