

Thriving with Joseph, pt 2

Genesis 39

Getting our ducks straight

Thriving means living in such a way that God can bless you and those you interact with - even if they treat you unfairly. (39:2-5)

YHWH flourished Potiphar for Joseph's sake.

Let God flourish you in such a way that it spills onto others.

Discover yeah ducks amid the yuck ducks.

Flourishing comes when we remain integrous, even amid temptation and suffering. (39:6-18)

Corollary: Those who do not honor G will tempt those that do to compromise.

Joseph sees his work for Potiphar as a trust & seeks to honor him by his appropriate action.

Our work is also a divine trust, done ultimately to God (cf Col 3:23-24).

Joseph sees adultery as wicked & sin against God.

Our sin, also, is ultimately against God, even though it impacts other humans

Scripture consistently and universally calls us to moral and marital purity.

Problem: Culture keeps pressing us to accept, then affirm, then embrace what the Bible forbids.

Thrivers keep using their God-given gifts and leave the results to Him. (39:19-23)

Where we are doesn't matter so much when we surrender it to God to do His work.

Key: Surrendering our circumstances allows us to wait upon God for care, blessing, success.

How do we measure success?

= doing what God wants, in God's way, in God's time, by God's power

What would you do if incarcerated for doing right?

Remembering Jesus' words: Luke 6:31-36

Take it Home

Resist temptation. Stand firm in biblical convictions.

Live so God's blessing overflows to others.

Use your gifts and leave the results to God.