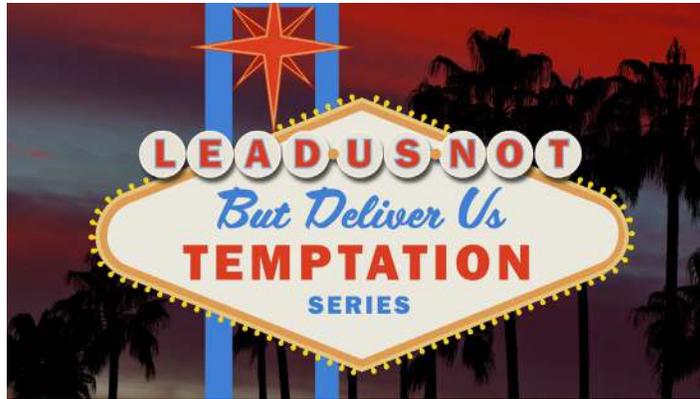


## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

JULY 17, 2022



### ICEBREAKER

In the age-old battle of "man vs. cookie," what food in your pantry is undefeated? What food is your biggest temptation?

### READ

Genesis 39: 6-10

### QUESTIONS

- In these verses, how does Joseph describe himself? ([He is left in charge of Potiphar's home, Potiphar has entrusted everything to his care, and no one is greater in Potiphar's house than him](#))
- In your opinion, what is the difference between being prideful and taking pride? Which one do you believe Joseph is demonstrating in this passage?
- Who actually has power in this story?
- How does Joseph resist the sexual temptation of Potiphar's wife? ([He understood who God had created him to be, he takes pride in his role and responsibility](#))
- Who does the Bible say you are? ([You are made in the image of God, a new creation, the light of the world, made righteous through Christ](#))
- How would understanding your identity help you resist temptation? ([It helps you not seesaw between thinking too high or too low of yourself when faced with temptation, helps you focus on your God-given identity](#))

## READ

Genesis 39: 9-10

## QUESTIONS

- How else does Joseph resist sexual temptation from Potiphar's wife? (He considered the sin and who the sin was really against)
- Who would Joseph have sinned against? (God, Potiphar, the wife, his body)
- How can we practically apply Joseph's actions to resist temptation? (Put the three together - consider ourselves, consider the sin, consider who we are sinning against)

## READ

Genesis 39:11-12

## QUESTIONS

- What are some effective methods you have used to say "no" when being tempted?
- How might Joseph's story help you seek God in a difficult situation you are in right now?

**PRAYER:** God thank you for loving us and having our best interest in mind. Lord give us the power to resist the temptations that come our way and help us to trust that you know what's best in our lives. In Jesus' Name – Amen.

**LEADERS:** Baptism is coming up on July 31st! Our baptism conversations will be next Sunday. Encourage those who haven't been baptized in your group to sign up at [rpc.me/baptism](http://rpc.me/baptism). A helpful baptism Q&A brochure is located on the webpage for your reference.