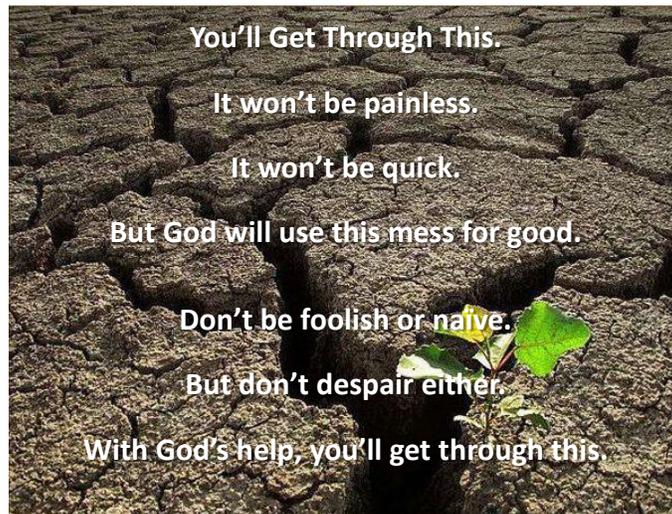


**Stupid Won't Fix Stupid**  
**Gen 39:11-18**

11 Now it happened one day that Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. 12 She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside. 13 When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, 14 she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed. 15" When he heard that I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside." 16 So she left his garment beside her until his master came home. 17 Then she spoke to him with these words, "The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me; 18 and as I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

**Meditation Verse**

Everyone should be quick to listen,  
slow to speak and slow to become angry,  
(James 1:19)



- I. Joseph chose to live a life of loyalty. (v.7-10)

It came about after these events that *his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."*

1. Joseph refused to make a choice based on his feelings. (v.8)

But *he refused* and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and *he has put all that he owns in my charge*."

2. Joseph revealed that his choice was based on his faith. (v.9)

"There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. *How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?*"

3. Joseph resisted making a choice that would be fatal. (v.10)

As **she spoke to Joseph day after day**, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her.

- II. Joseph chose to live a life of purity. (v.11-15)

**Now it happened one day** that Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside.

1. Joseph fled the temptation of sensual pleasure. (v.12)

She caught him by his garment, saying, "**Lie with me!**" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

2. Joseph faced a trial of his peers. (v.14)

**14 she called to the men of her household** and said to them, "See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed.

3. Joseph faced a term in prison. (v.20)

**So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail**, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

- III. Joseph chose to live a life of integrity. (Gen 39:21-23)

But the **Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him**, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

1. Joseph became a model prisoner. (v.22)

**The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners** who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it.

2. Joseph became a jailhouse leader. (v.23)

**The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge** because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made to prosper.

3. Joseph became a prison chaplain. (Gen 40:6-7)

When Joseph came to them in the morning and **observed them, behold, they were dejected**. 7 He asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in confinement in his master's house, "**Why are your faces so sad today?**"



**Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.  
Thomas A. Dorsey**