

II. Joseph blessed and forgotten (chapter 39-40)

After the explosion: Jacob, Judah, Joseph, and God.
5 x blessed

1. Responsibility (1-6)

- Joseph: ready to serve
- His advancement: (2), (3), (4)
- The reason is God's
- How grace works

2. Temptation (7-12)

- Sexual temptation
- His behaviour: faithful steward says "no" and has reasons (8-9)
- He sees through the lie
- He knows God
- He flees (2 Timothy 2:22)

Slander as temptation (1 Peter 2:23)
(The Bible portrays women as evil ... and men, as well!)

3. Arrest (21-23)

- His master (20) gets angry
- His reaction (22-23) is to serve
- The reason (21-23): blessing & success

4. Forgotten (40:1-23)

- Things take a turn for the worse
- Responsibility
- Attention (6-8)
- Initiative (14-15)
- Honesty (18)
- Patience (23). How do you learn patience?

Your responsibility – ready & willing?

willingness (who is lord?)

temptation, value of persons

Integrity. Why doesn't he give up?

God's character

God's goal

God's training programme

(Romans 5:3-5)

The worst that can happen to a Christian...

Expect problems!

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- "Who is a hero/role model for you? What do you admire about him?"

QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS:

1. Do you also have a "no"-reflex like Christian? Would you like to get rid of it?
2. Do you sometimes say: "I'd love to serve but nobody asks" or "I'd love to serve but now is not a good time"?
3. Do you expect problems?
4. What is God hacking away now? (Pride, fear, impatience, self centeredness, ...?)

Pray for each other.