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Genesis 39:1-20

Abiding in God's will requires a steady, trust-filled focus upon Him. The life of Joseph is a good example.

Joseph's brothers hated him so much that they sold him to a caravan on its way to Egypt. There, he became the slave of Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard. Despite all of his misfortune, Joseph performed his duties with excellence and as a result was promoted to oversee Potiphar's household. Throughout it all, Joseph kept his gaze centered on the Lord.

Focus helps us choose godliness over temptation. Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Joseph, but he rejected her advances. When he refused to sin against God (Gen. 39:9), she falsely accused him, and her lies were believed. Ignoring Joseph's record of hard work and faithful service, Potiphar imprisoned him. Had we been in Joseph's place, we might at this point be asking our heavenly Father why this happened. However, Joseph endured and continued believing God had neither abandoned him nor lost control of the situation.

In stressful times, we discover how much we really trust the Lord. If doubt about His promises takes root in our thinking, it can lead us off His chosen path. But with steady belief, we can recognize God's presence and persevere wherever we are.

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