

25. Potiphar's Wife

Now when Joseph arrived in Egypt with the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, a member of the personal staff of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar was the captain of the palace guard.

The LORD was with Joseph and blessed him greatly as he served in the home of his Egyptian master ... Now Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man. And about this time, Potiphar's wife began to desire him and invited him to sleep with her. But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do! He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I ever do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God."

She kept putting pressure on him day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible. One day, however, no one else was around when he was doing his work inside the house. She came and grabbed him by his shirt, demanding, "Sleep with me!" Joseph tore himself away, but as he did, his shirt came off. She was left holding it as he ran from the house.

When she saw that she had his shirt and that he had fled, she began screaming. Soon all the men around the place came running. "My husband has brought this Hebrew slave here to insult us!" she sobbed. "He tried to rape me, but I screamed. When he heard my loud cries, he ran and left his shirt behind with me."

She kept the shirt with her, and when her husband came home that night, she told him her story. "That Hebrew slave you've had around here tried to make a fool of me," she said. "I was saved only by my screams. He ran out, leaving his shirt behind!"

After hearing his wife's story, Potiphar was furious! He took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held. But the LORD was with Joseph there, too, and he granted Joseph favor with the chief jailer ... (Genesis 639:1-2, 6-21 NLT)



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BLESSED	INVITED	PURCHASED
CAPTAIN	ISHMAELITE	SCREAMING
CHIEF	JAILER	SHIRT
DESIRE	JOSEPH	SLAVE
EGYPT	MASTER	SLEEP
FURIOUS	PERSONAL	SOBBED
GRABBED	PHAROAH	STAFF
GUARD	POTIPHAR	TORE
HEBREW	PRESSURE	TRADERS
INSULT	PRISON	TRUSTS