

# Resisting Temptation

Genesis 39:6-21

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Overconfidence, especially confidence in my own character and ability, is a serious problem. As long as I live in this world . . . the darkness lives in me. I need to fight it.”

– David Miller

*No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Cor.10:13)*

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#### D. When all else fails, Run! (v.12b)

*But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. (v.12b)*

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*But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. (v.21)*

*So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. (Gal.6:9)*

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