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KNOWLEDGE OF GOD  
RIGHTEOUSNESS



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# WHAT TO PURSUE IN LIFE?

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5. **Joy**



What are you pursuing in life?  
Righteousness?





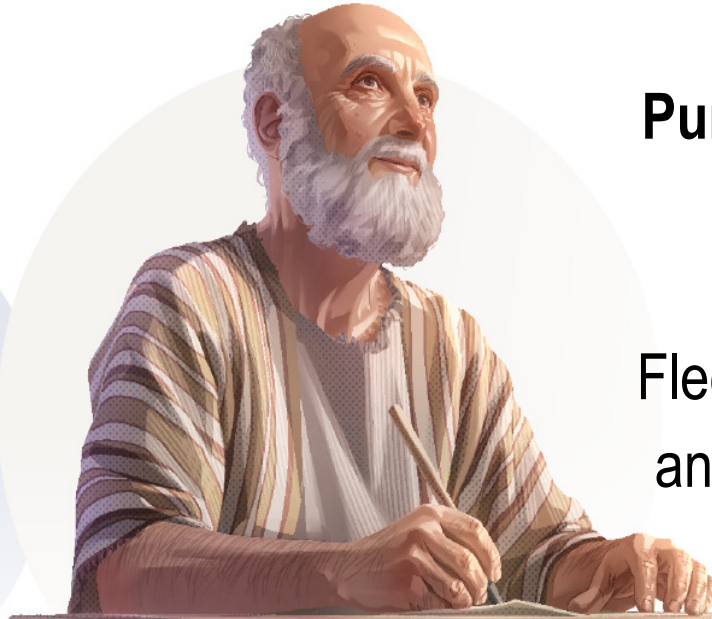
But as for you, O man of God,  
flee these things.

**Pursue righteousness...**

**1 Timothy 6:11a**

Flee from evil desires of youth  
and **pursue righteousness.**

**2 Timothy 2:22**



But above all **pursue**  
His Kingdom and  
**righteousness**,  
and all these  
will be added to you.  
Matthew 6:33







PURSUE

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How does it look like?





**Let's  
Pray**



# GENESIS

THE BEGINNING





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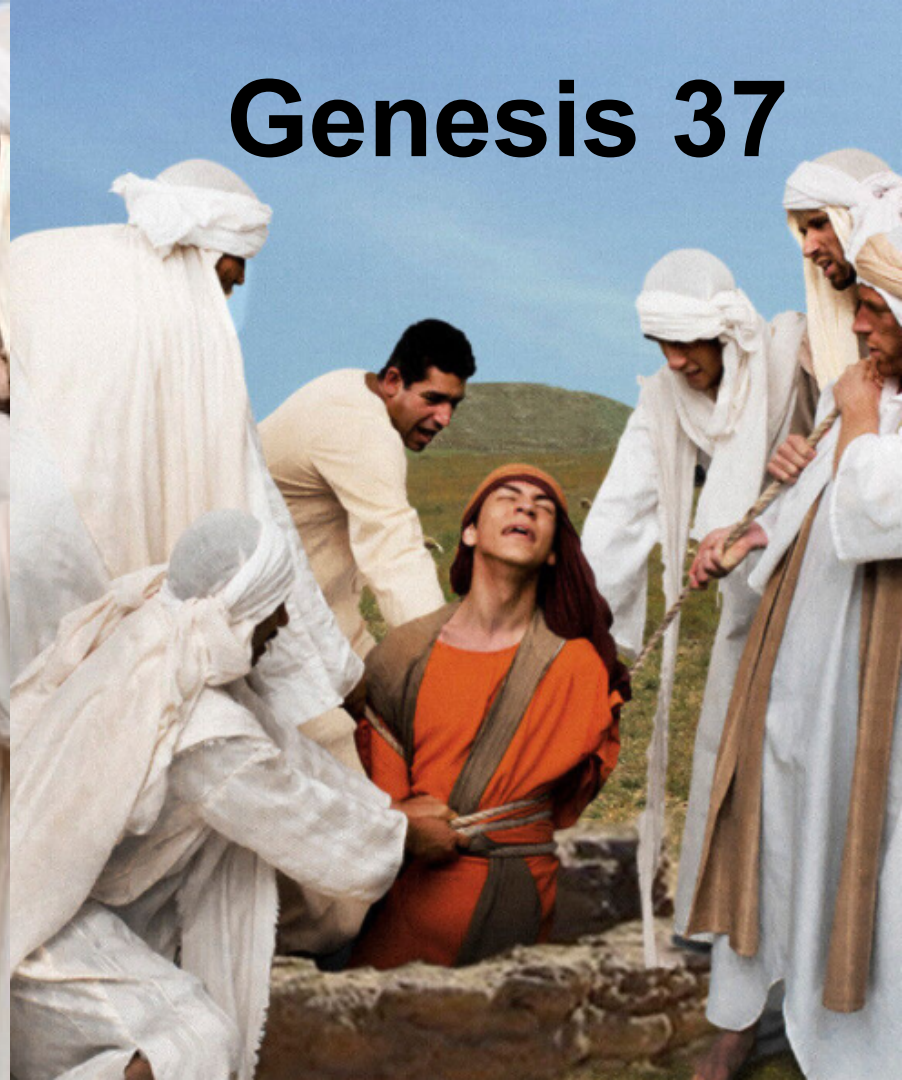


# Genesis 37






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# Genesis 39






Genesis 37 - Joseph in Canaan

**Genesis 38 - Judah and Tamar**

Genesis 39-50 - Joseph in Egypt

She (Tamar) is **more righteous** than I (Judah),  
since I wouldn't give her to my son Shelah."

**Genesis 38:26**



<sup>1</sup> Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.

**Genesis 39:1-23**






- <sup>5</sup> From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field.
- <sup>6</sup> So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. <sup>7</sup> And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."

**Genesis 39:1-23**



<sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. <sup>9</sup> He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"  
<sup>10</sup> And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

**Genesis 39:1-23**



<sup>11</sup> But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, <sup>12</sup> she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. <sup>13</sup> And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, <sup>14</sup> she called to the men of her household and said to them, “See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.

**Genesis 39:1-23**





<sup>15</sup> And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house.” <sup>16</sup> Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup> and she told him the same story, saying, “The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. <sup>18</sup> But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house.” <sup>19</sup> As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, “This is the way your servant treated me,” his anger was kindled.

**Genesis 39:1-23**



**20** And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

**21** But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. **22** And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. **23** The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

**Genesis 39:1-23**







**1. TAKE ONLY  
WHAT IS GIVEN**

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**Genesis 39:5-6, 8-9**



John answered,  
“A person cannot receive even one thing  
unless it is given him from heaven.”

**John 3:27**













**Have you  
taken something  
that has not been given  
to you?**

A piece of brown cardboard with a jagged, torn edge. A hole is torn through the center, revealing a white background. The text is positioned within this white area.

2. SAY only WHAT'S  
**TRUE**

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**Genesis 39:8-9, 17-18**



<sup>11</sup> But one day, **when he went into the house to do his work** and **none of the men of the house was there** in the house, <sup>12</sup> she caught him by his garment, saying, **“Lie with me.”** But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. <sup>13</sup> And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, <sup>14</sup> she **called to the men of her household** and said to them, **“See,** he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.



**Genesis 39:11-14**

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No';  
anything more than this comes from evil.

**Matthew 5:37**



**Always tell  
the truth.**







May these words of my  
mouth and this meditation  
of my heart be pleasing  
in your sight, LORD,  
my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Psalms 19:14**







**What can you do  
that will help you to say  
only what you mean?**





## Pursue Righteousness

1. **Take** only what is **given**.
2. **Say** only what is **true**.




**RIGHT**

**WRONG**

3. **DO ONLY**  
**WHAT'S RIGHT**



A wooden boardwalk made of light-colored planks winds through a dense, vibrant green forest. The path curves gently to the right, disappearing into the foliage. The forest is filled with various types of trees and thick undergrowth, creating a sense of being deep within nature. Sunlight filters through the leaves, casting soft shadows on the path.

Wisdom tells us  
the right thing to do.  
Righteousness only comes  
when we do the right thing.



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**Genesis 39:9-10**

<sup>10</sup> And as she spoke to Joseph **day after day**, he would **not listen to** her, to **lie beside** her or **to be with her**. <sup>11</sup> But one day, **when he went into the house** to do his work and **none of the men of the house was there in the house**, <sup>12</sup> she **caught him by his garment**, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.



**Genesis 39:10-12**

<sup>19</sup> As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him,  
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**Genesis 39:19**



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**Genesis 39:20-23**

A snail is shown from a low angle, pushing a large, dark, round object (resembling a coconut or a large rock) up a steep, green grassy hill. The snail is positioned in the lower left, and the object is directly in front of it, partially obscuring its shell. The hill rises diagonally towards the top right. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

# KEEP


- Keep our time with the Lord intact.
- **Keep a short account with God.**
- Keep accountable to people who can speak into our lives.
- **Keep in mind what would happen if we fall.**





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**Genesis 39:1-2, 23**



<sup>13</sup> **Keep** your servant also **from willful sins**; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, **innocent of great transgression**.

<sup>14</sup> May these **words of my mouth** and this **meditation of my heart**  
be pleasing in your sight, **Lord**, my **Rock** and my **Redeemer**.

**Psalm 19:13-14**

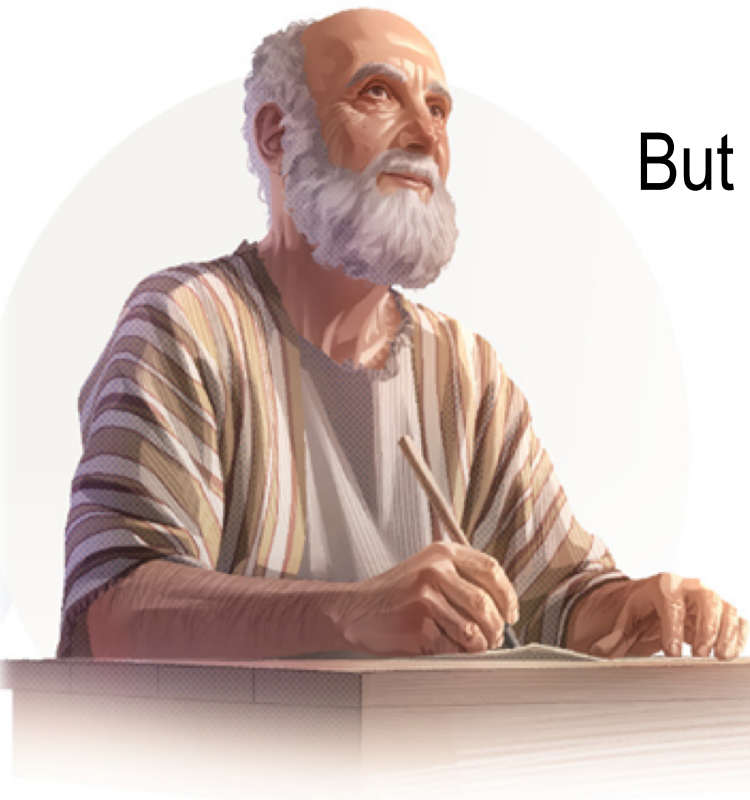






**Are you  
relying on God to do  
the next right thing?**





But as for you, O man (woman) of God,  
flee these things.

**Pursue righteousness...**

**1 Timothy 6:11a**



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3. Do **only** what is right.



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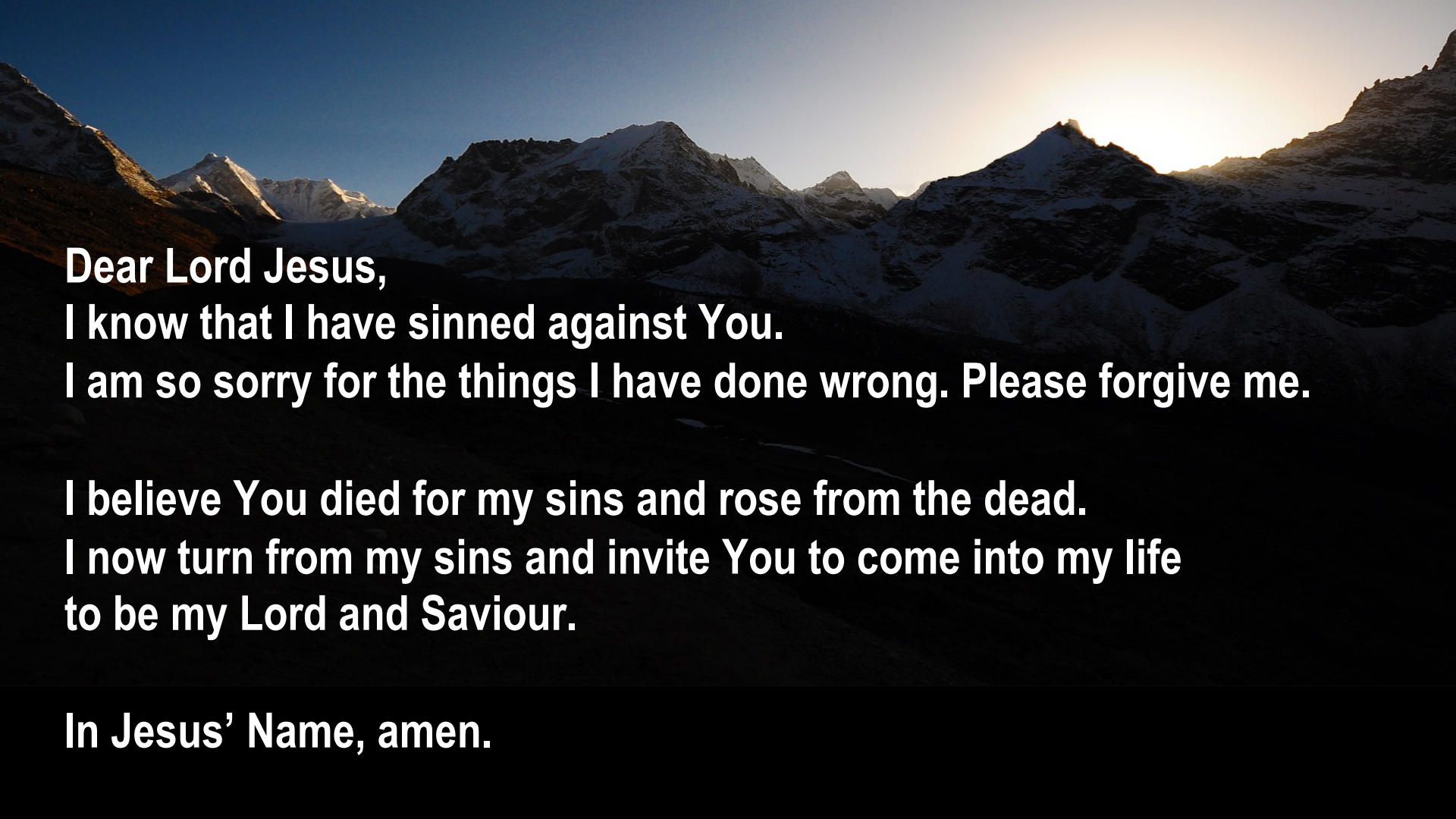


US  
IN  
CHRIST



**Let's  
Pray**





**Dear Lord Jesus,  
I know that I have sinned against You.  
I am so sorry for the things I have done wrong. Please forgive me.**

**I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead.  
I now turn from my sins and invite You to come into my life  
to be my Lord and Saviour.**

**In Jesus' Name, amen.**