



HOLD ON

SERMON NOTES

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Choose to work hard and honor God in every
circumstance you face

1. When you're living for an audience of One you know the true identity of your Boss

Genesis 39:1-6

Do what you're called to do and watch God do what only He can do

Joseph understood that because he was a follower of YHWH, his work ethic was a means of worship and that doing his best for a human master was really doing his best for his ultimate Master

Colossians 3:22-24

2. Make sexual choices based on God's directives

Genesis 39:6-18

If you're looking for help and healing for your behaviors that are a deviation from God's design for sexual expression, here are three options to consider:

- Every Man's Challenge (info available on Trinity website)
- talk to a pastor here at Trinity
- talk to a local Christian counselor

3. When you're wrongfully accused, entrust yourself to God who sees everything

Genesis 39:19-20

Bitterness litmus test: when you have nothing that you have to think about, your mind dwells to how unfairly they treated you

Now What?

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of April 8

Hold On #2 - From Esteemed Leader to Wrongfully Accused Prisoner

Home Groups are a place to build friendships, talk about what we are learning, and walk through life together. You can find more information at www.trinityonline.org/connect/home-groups/.



Share It

What was a circumstance in which it was difficult to choose to work hard? What kinds of settings make it easy or challenging for you to honor God?



Study the Bible

Genesis is the “beginnings” of God’s master plan to bring people into His blessings. God worked through Jacob’s and Joseph’s family to bring about a nation to make Him known.

Read Genesis 39:1-20.

What was Joseph’s new situation (see also chapter 37)? What words are used to express the results of Joseph’s works?

Where do you see God at work in this story? What specifically did He do?

How do you see faith at work in and through Joseph? (please list)

How might this story fit into God's master plan to bring his blessings to the world?



Discuss Together

How do we usually feel when we hear a story like this? Why is that?

How difficult would it be to work hard and do your best for someone else as they benefitted from your diligence? How are the words of Colossians 3:22-24 helpful?

We see here that God was prospering Joseph in many ways. How is that also true for us? How should we respond to God's prospering in our lives?

Bitterness often follows these kinds of circumstances. How can we move forward when bitterness sets in?



Pray

- Pray for how we live before the people in our worlds
- Pray for each other and the wounds that each feels
- Pray for the workers and children at Micah House



Apply It This Week

Give thanks for the favor God has given you and look for how He is working in your week.