

No Filter #2:

Consequences of Convictions

Word

Scripture Reference

Genesis 39:1-23

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever stood up (or not stood up) for something you believed in? Share and discuss.
2. Read Genesis 39. How was Joseph described in verses 2-3? What do you think was the reason for Joseph's current circumstances?
3. One reason why Christians do not stand for their convictions is because they want to be successful. How do you define success? In what area of your life would you consider yourself to be successful? How do you think will your faith/convictions positively or negatively affect your success? Can you share with the group about a personal experience of success that had either a positive or negative impact on your life?
4. In what way does the Bible describe Joseph as being a likable person (v. 4-6)? Do you think Joseph found favor in the eyes of Potiphar and other people because of his personality? Name someone whom you consider a well-liked person. How do you think does it feel to be in that person's shoes?
5. Another reason why Christians do not stand for their convictions is because they want to be accepted and well-liked by other people. What concerns do you have regarding how other people view you if you stand up for your faith in God? What have you observed happens when a person places more importance on his reputation than his convictions?
6. How was Joseph's convictions tested, and what was his response (v. 7-10)? How significant do you think was Joseph's perception of who he was sinning against on his reaction to the situation in which he found himself? What do you think is the reason why a lot of people compromise their convictions? Discuss practical ways that can help you make progress in taking a stand for your convictions.
7. Joseph chose to hold firm to what he believed, and as a result suffered the

consequence of losing everything he had, including the favor and success he enjoyed from his position in Potiphar's household (v. 11-20). We often compromise our godly conviction when we face the possibility of losing everything. Are your convictions based on circumstances? How much is your character worth? What does it mean for a Christian to count the cost of the consequences of his/her convictions? As a follower of Christ, what should motivate you into being steadfast in your convictions despite the possibility of losing everything?

8. In verses 21-23, we see that Joseph was unjustly imprisoned for something he didn't do, but he found favor in God's eyes because he did the right thing. In standing up for your convictions as a follower of Jesus Christ, you may lose everything, but gain God's favor. What do you believe about God that gives you hope despite suffering the consequences of losing out on worldly success and men's favor?

Walk

An authentic follower of Jesus Christ is someone who does what is right in God's eyes even if nobody else is doing it and counts the cost of the consequences of his/her convictions. Examine yourself. What is being said about you and of how you live your life? Are you someone who compromises your biblical convictions in order to gain success? Are you someone who cares more for your own reputation than of God's reputation? How much are you willing to lose for Christ? What characteristics should you actively pursue and develop in order to become a person of godly conviction like Joseph? What steps can you take to help cultivate these characteristics?

Worship & Prayer

Pray for...

- Christians to live authentically as God's people despite possible consequences.
- Ongoing preparations for the family conference and other mission trips.
- Wisdom and blessing for JV and Pauline who will take the medical board exams.
- Peace of mind for Bea who is afraid.
- Wisdom for RS to see God's truth clearly.
- Healing grace for Kathleen, Chato, Jo, IB, Nestor, Conchita, Nenita and Margarita.
- Salvation of KC. Release from financial burden of family due to his many debts.