

LIVING A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE

1 Samuel 15:22
Genesis 24:1-20

Point 1

Do not misrepresent God.

Literally sold out

(Gen 39:1 NIV)39:1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

Satan's lie

(Gen 3:1 NIV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

(Gen 3:4-5 NIV) "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Joseph's summary

(Gen 50:20 NIV) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Point 2

Recognize what sin is.

All sin is against God

(Genesis 39:7-9 NIV) and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

Sin against God

(Psa 51:4 NIV) Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Enemies of God blaspheme

(2 Sam 12:14 NIV) But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

Point 3

Don't redefine `sin`.

Day after day

(Gen 39:10 NIV) "And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her."

Calling evil good

(Isa 5:20 NIV) Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

What is sin?

Psa 51:2-3 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

What is sin?

- Iniquity: *perverse*,
- Sin: *missing the mark*
- Transgressions: *trespass*

Such were some of you

(1 Cor 6:9-10 NIV) Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Point 4

Don't excuse sin.

Flee immorality

(Gen 39:12 NIV) She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

Repent!

(Eph 4:28 NIV) He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Conclusion