

What is Genesis 39?

The name “*Genesis 39*” was adopted from the account of Joseph *Refusing* the advancement of Potiphar’s wife, *Avoiding* her seduction and ultimately *Fleeing*. We believe this encapsulates the allure of sexual temptation and the most appropriate antidote.

The purposes of Genesis 39 are threefold:

- ❖ To promote a biblical understanding and practice of male sexuality
- ❖ To raise awareness of the ever-present dangers of sexual temptations and raise necessary barriers
- ❖ To assist those embroiled in sexual struggles by befriending and speaking the power and hope of the Gospel into their lives

Men of Faith

*Pursuing Christ in Community
by Nurturing Discipleship
through Friendships*



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GENESIS Thirty-Nine



**Refuse Sexual Sin
Avoid Temptation
Flee to God**

THE Pervasiveness of PORNOGRAPHY

Since the emergence of the internet, pornography has become increasingly pervasive. It is in our homes, and it is in our hands. Access to pornography is easier now than it ever has been, and it will only get easier.

The average age of first exposure to pornography and other sexualized media is eleven years old.¹ Early exposure to pornography can lead to lifelong sexual addictions, unhealthy sexual relationships, isolation, guilt, depression, but mostly an ever widening gap from our Savior.

The Men of Faith have recognized the urgent need to counter the dangers of pornography and sexual misbehaviors common among men by encouraging a dependence on the Word of God, the work of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of believers.

Genesis 39 is intended to include all of the men of Faith Presbyterian Church. Our hope is that Genesis 39 will equip the men to: follow the courageous example set by Joseph, refuse to succumb to sexual sin, avoid persons and places that make us exposed to temptation, flee from sexual sin and temptation, and run to God.

GENESIS 39 Programs

- ❖ Monthly Men of Faith Exclusive Sunday School (Fifth Grade and Older)
- ❖ Intensive Seminars
- ❖ Group and Individual Accountability
- ❖ Promoting Safe Internet Use

Ways we can help each other?

- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Honesty and Openness
- ❖ Pastoral Counseling
- ❖ Accountability Relationships
- ❖ Encourage the use of Internet Accountability and Web Search Filters
- ❖ Referrals for Specialized Help



- Q Have you viewed internet pornography in the past week, month or year?
- Q Have you ever cleared internet history or used private browsers to hide internet activity?
- Q If you have children, have you spoken with them about safe internet use and the dangers of pornography?
- Q Do you currently use an internet accountability service and/or web search filter?
- Q Are you addicted to internet pornography or other sexual misbehaviors?
- Q If you know you are addicted, do you have a plan of escape?

¹ *Internet Filter Review, 2006*

<http://internet-filter-review.toptenreviews.com/internet-pornography-statistics.html>