III. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective

*Lifestyle Stewardship*

“Stewardship in Real Time, Part 2 – Stewardship of our Testimony”

Genesis 39

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Genesis 39:1–23 says [1] 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. [2] The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. [3] His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. [4] 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. [5] 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. [6] 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. [7] And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, “Lie with me.” [8] 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. [9] 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?” [10] And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

[11] 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, [12] 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. [13] And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, [14] 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. [15] 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.” [16] Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, [17] 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. [18] But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house.”

[19] 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. [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 favor 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.

The grass withers, the flower fades, God’s Word abides forever and by His grace and mercy may His Word be preached for you.
I love to do expository preaching because the Bible says preach the Word for that’s the charge given to a pastor/teacher/minister of the Word. There is a phrase known as lectio continua where you take the text and work through it continuously verse by verse or section by section. I have done this type of preaching in a number of books of the Bible and I have done topical expository preaching which is what I’m doing right now in the series on lifestyle stewardship. We take key texts of Scripture that deal with this issue as a way of life and that is what led me to Joseph as a great example of this. This is what I call stewardship in real time. It is amazing to me how God multitasks in the contours of the messages you find in the Word of God. You always honor the Word of God as it points to the majesty of Christ.

It was Jesus who explained Himself starting with the prophets which is Moses, in all the Scriptures (Luke 24:27) and who said in John 5:39, [39] You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me. Jesus told us the Scriptures bore witness of His majesty (John 1) and Paul tells us in II Timothy 3:14–15, [14] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it [15] and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. So we see the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and there is this glorious message of the preeminence of Christ as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer that runs through the tapestry of God’s Word.

I’m pointing that out because Joseph takes on an unofficial typology of Jesus. Here is Jesus who was the faithful Steward who says in John 6:39–40, [39] And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. [40] For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” Joseph becomes an anticipation of Christ and it’s through Joseph that the covenant people of God are going to be secured in the land of Egypt according to God’s promise for 400 plus years until they’re mobilized, multiplied and matured to go back to the Promised Land. It is Joseph who is the steward of God to bring the people into this land for such a season.

God is using Joseph in a glorious way as a steward not only in his family as Jacob used him to keep watch over his brothers even though that caused a lot of problems and then as he became a steward in Potiphar’s house when he was sold there in slavery. Then when he was falsely tried and put into prison he became a steward for the warden and the prison. Then as he comes out of prison he moves into the palace of Pharaoh and Pharaoh puts him in charge of all of Egypt underneath his charge. In each case, his stewardship was such that his master who allocated his resources and responsibilities had no concern because of how he did what he did.

I want you to see this in real time and I want you to see Jesus. How did Joseph get done what he was called to do as a steward in the providence of God? He was humbled and then exalted several times – humiliation to exaltation to achieve his stewardship. We also see Joseph rejected by his own and so was Jesus. Joseph was abandoned by his brothers and Jesus was abandoned by His Disciples. We see Joseph betrayed, disrobed, falsely accused, tried, condemned and sentenced as we do Jesus.

The message I want to give in this study is the other aspect to Joseph’s stewardship that we see and it has to do with Joseph as a living example of how to deal with temptation in general, pursue holiness and deal with sexual temptation in particular. This is another stewardship issue as well. The steward has to be a steward of his testimony. I couldn’t resist of
looking at a man who maintained his witness under adversity at great cost in real time. There are
lessons here that will be helpful for me and you.

This is also important to me for two other reasons. I want to give you two basic
principles and one is the people of God, any and every believer, who seek to be faithful as
stewards of the manifold blessings of God in their life must be warned and prepared for you will
be a target for Satan, his schemes, his snares and those who willingly serve him, like Potiphar’s
wife. I wish I could tell you that Satan will leave you alone while you’re in progress but I can’t.
I can tell you that whatever Satan is doing to stop you and thwart you God will be using for your
progress if you will stay filled up and fixed on Jesus, surrendered to the Holy Spirit and flee
temptation.

I can’t tell you how many times I get the question ‘Pastor, can you help me find God’s
will for my life?’ In response to this questions I like to start with people who ask this in I
Thessalonians 4:1–8 which says [1] Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord
Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are
doing, that you do so more and more. [2] For you know what instructions we gave you through
the Lord Jesus. [3] For this is the will of God, your sanctification (or holiness): that you abstain
from sexual immorality; [4] that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness
and honor, [5] not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; [6] that no one
transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these
things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. [7] For God has not called us for
impurity, but in holiness. [8] Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God,
who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

To disregard this is to disregard the Holy Spirit and God’s will. God’s will for you as
one saved by grace is through the means of grace to pursue holiness and specifically be aware
of the encroachment and destruction of sexual transgression and immorality. It is not because sex
in its right place is wrong. On the contrary, sex is a blessed gift of God to be used as designed by
God, to be embraced as designed by God, to be employed with joy for the glory of God and
that’s the marriage bed. The sexual act of intimacy is one that initiates a marriage, recreates a
marriage and God uses it to procreate from a marriage. Hebrews 13:4 says [4] Let marriage be
held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually
immoral and adulterous.

Fornicators and adulterers, God will judge. So I want to flee from that. You and I live in
a highly, intensely, penetrated and saturated sexual society. We sell cereal with sex on television
for everything is saturated with it. When I was called to the ministry I started my ministry
serving in three different youth pastorates and I loved it but I put my arm around our dear youth
pastor and tell him every chance I get ‘Dear brother, I don’t know how you do it for you are
facing things today I never did face, could face and certainly didn’t want to face.’ One of those
is to know that messages and temptations are headed to the students and covenant children that
we have here – it’s starting as young as elementary ages, junior high. There are those working
relentlessly hard at getting into the lives of these young people every single day.

I was reading recently about how 8th graders in basic curriculum are usually given an
assignment to do a paper on a president. So an entire financed pornographic site immediately
went to the development of another site and labeled it ‘White House’ knowing that would be
what the students would put into the search engines as they began to do their reports. Now two
clicks away images and temptations that just can’t disappear from the mind without the bathing
grace of God over years and years and years. This is the world we live in. Now we can go put
our head in the sand or we can take it on with the power of God’s grace over sin so that when people have been ensnared in these temptations we can show them the liberating power of God’s grace in the removal of guilt and shame through Jesus. We can show them the power of God’s grace for changed lives so glorious that where our greatest failures were can become our greatest successes in life and ministry. God delights in taking those areas where we have faltered and turning those not only into testimonies of forgiveness and grace but also into powerful works whereby they become areas of strength and ministry in our life by the grace of God. So with that in mind let’s look at Genesis 39 to see how Joseph addresses this matter of sexual temptation basically, comprehensively and appropriately although I think there are two areas we can learn from that he omitted that he should have committed.

Sometimes I think we omit these kinds of text to our detriment but there are two chapters in Genesis that I had a hard time dealing with in a Sunday morning service so I did them in a Sunday evening service instead. Genesis 38 is one of those chapters and it contains one of most distasteful, discouraging and despicable texts of Scripture that a sovereign God uses for His glory and that He rules and overrules through it. That is the sins that are described between Judah and Tamar. It’s almost revolting to read it yet all Scripture is profitable and it’s there for a reason. It’s interesting to see that on the other side of Genesis 38 is Genesis 39 where Joseph gives a different outcome and gives us some insights that we can draw from.

A family friendly version of a movie was recently on television called ‘Vantage Point.’ The movie replays the same event seven times as it is seen through seven different vantage points by seven different people. So here is this event in Genesis 39 where we see Joseph’s life of stewardship and we see that the reason he lives this life of stewardship is because the ‘Lord is with him’ and we see that repeated four times in this chapter. Using this same event we now want to look at this matter of temptation in general and sexual temptation in particular, from two vantage points – from Potiphar’s wife as a servant of Satan and Joseph as a servant of the Lord.

There were three commentaries that were particularly helpful for me as I studied Genesis 39 and I want to give them credit. One was a commentary on Genesis by Sinclair Ferguson, another Jim Boyce and lastly Rick Phillips. Kent Hughes’ commentary on Genesis was also helpful to me. So let’s look now at these two vantage points.

First, I want you to see something about Satan’s bent in particular on the area of sexual temptation as we look at it through Potiphar’s wife. Here are five things we see from her. The first thing we see is Satan’s aspirations, his desires. Genesis 39:6a says [6a] 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. Potiphar should have been concerned about his wife for Satan’s aspirations manifested through hers. Satan wants to destroy the life and ministry of Joseph and he does so through the aspirations of Potiphar’s wife.

Genesis 39:6 goes on to say Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. [7] And after a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, “Lie with me.” There are many sins that come from temptations that get married to the lust for the temptations are embraced first through the eyes. 1 John 2:16 says [16] For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. This goes all the way to the Garden of Eden. When Eve saw the tree was good for food – lust of the flesh. When it was a delight to the eyes – lust of the eyes. And that is was desirable to make her like God – boastful pride of life. She took from its fruit and she ate. The aspirations were awakened through the eye gate.
Do remember when the second Adam, Jesus went into the wilderness to be tempted?
Satan says to Him, ‘Are you hungry’ – lust of the flesh. ‘Then command these stones to become
bread.’ Then Satan says ‘Are you not the Son of Man, cast Yourself down for He will catch You
from the pinnacle of the temple’ – the boastful pride of life. Then Satan showed Jesus all the
kingdoms of the world and said ‘I’ll give you all this’ – the lust of the eyes but Jesus in His
perfections took these external temptations and brought the Word of God by the power of the
Spirit of God upon him and Satan fled. Again, look at Satan searching to get to the heart through
the eye gate.

Make a covenant with your eyes – what do they look at? Don’t make a deal with yourself
about what you watch and the secrets of your life on the computer, the television, the movie
screen or the iPhone. Satan loves to awaken the aspirations for sin out of the eye gate in life that
we must say ‘no’ to and refrain from. Satan inevitably moves by the aspirations of the eye gate
to awaken the desires of the body in sin.

As a Christian you might be thinking what if that aspiration takes root and I engage in the
sinful act of the heart, mouth or deeds? Can I be forgiven? Absolutely but the wages of sin is
death (Romans 6:23) yet praise God for the removal of guilt and shame and how God can teach
you things through this but there still can be consequences. I know forgiven men who have lost
their marriages and their ministries. We know we can be forgiven but we say ‘no’ to letting the
aspirations be awakened through the casting of our eyes. We make that covenant with our eyes
of what they are going to look upon and what they are not going to look upon.

Then we get accountability into our life. I love the accountability group that I have been
meeting with for over 38 years. I would get a phone call when I was away from my family doing
a conference and it would be one from my accountability group asking me how the room I was
staying in was and then he would ask me what I was watching on television. Don’t you love a
friend who is calling you to stay faithful with the eye gate?

Secondly, Satan has his attractions. Satan loves to attract with the lust of the flesh and
the boastful pride of life and not just the eyes, as he attracted Potiphar’s wife who was willing to
ridicule her husband, willing to lose a marriage and willing to do anything in order to engage in
that great wickedness of sexual immorality. Satan is always promising that this will do
something but it never delivers.

Thirdly, Satan loves to be an infiltrator. He is always probing as he is looking for the
weak point. Genesis 39:7–10 says [7] And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph
and said, “Lie with me.” [8] 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. [9] 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?” [10] And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie
beside her or to be with her.

Potiphar’s wife didn’t quit after Joseph refused her advance the first time. She kept
probing day after day and Satan keeps probing for you. Then she offers a way for him to just lie
beside her instead of with her. Satan is probing for two things – where your weakness is and he
keeps negotiating for your price.

I have recently been reading about the Alamo and when Santa Ana got to the Alamo he
looked at those 180 men trying to defend those four acres and the church used as a fortress and
immediately saw four points of weakness as he did infantry and cavalry reconnaissance and
probes. Then he knew where to line up his men for that fateful charge that Sunday morning at 5:30am.

Satan keeps probing for your weaknesses just like Potiphar’s wife did to Joseph day after day especially in the area of sexual temptation. Do you give attention to discipleship? Do you not give attention to your Bible? Do you grieve the Spirit? Are you not fortified through the means of grace? Where is the weak point – family, pride, arrogance? What’s your price to give up holiness? This brings me to the next point where Satan is always negotiating.

Can you imagine what Joseph must have been facing here? He had hardly been around women at all for he had been in a pit, in a prison and a slave caravan. I mean boys will be boys. Just sow a few oats for isn’t God longsuffering? Yet Joseph said ‘no’ and he wouldn’t be drawn by aspiration, attraction and he wanted to shore up every place so that Satan could not gain an advantage. The Lord is with me and I will not negotiate a price for sin. There will be no peace treaties with sin.

Finally, Satan is always ready for adaptation. When no one is around Potiphar’s wife makes her big move on Joseph and at that moment Joseph leaves rapidly yet the garment he was wearing was left behind. She sees he is gone but she has the garment and it doesn’t take her but a moment to concoct a story. She can’t have him but she can ruin him. She could cost him his job. She could make fun of him to the other slaves. She could ruin the trust her husband would have in him. If you think you can outthink Satan and his servants you can forget that for he is quicker than us. So what do you do? You live the wisdom of God. Don’t try to outthink Satan or maneuver him. Stay in the means of grace and filled up with grace of God for this will be sufficient. Flee temptation and fix your eyes on Jesus.

Now I want you to see three things from Joseph’s vantage point. One is that Joseph intentionally makes a declaration that obviously requires his preparation. Joseph is prepared. The reason I say he is prepared is when she makes her move to try and entrap him, he says to her five things. One, I cannot sin against my master. Two I cannot sin against your marriage. Three I cannot sin against you. Four I cannot sin against God. Five this is a sin of great wickedness. Isn’t all sin equal? No, not in effect. All sin rightly calls for the judgment of God in thought, word or deed but sins have greater consequences. This sin would destroy a marriage, a witness, a man’s position, a family and all of those things. Joseph sees it for what it is – a sin of great wickedness.

How does Joseph know that? It is because whatever they have in the patriarchs at this point, to know the will of God, Joseph knows it and he knows this is a sin against God. He knows it would be a sin against Potiphar who has entrusted everything to him. He knows it would be a sin against the doctrine of marriage and against the woman who is trying to ensnare him. He knows this sin is of great wickedness and consequences. In other words, to some degree and somehow he has been discipled and ready for this.

Secondly, Joseph then goes public with his declaration. What he says to her he says out loud and I think he is talking to anyone who could be listening plus he is talking to himself. He plants his flag as he states it publicly. He declares where his allegiance, intentions and affections are. He makes it a declaration of where he ought to be. We are not to be silent about our sin. We are not to make light of sin. We are not honoring God’s grace by making slight sin’s shame and effects. We are actually diminishing God’s grace when we do this. That is why Joseph calls this a great wickedness. Joseph knows Potiphar’s wife is not his and he has responsibility for all that his master has given to him and his master has not given him his master’s wife because he can’t give him that. Joseph knows the doctrine of marriage, sin and holiness.
The men in my accountability group made ten commitments and we publicized them to our session and eventually to our churches. One of the commitments was that if any one of us ever violate our marriage vows the other three will labor with all of their hearts to restore that one to their marriage. We will also make sure that one leaves the ministry and can never return. Pastor do you believe that people who fall into sexual sins that are ministers can’t be restored? I did not say that but the commitment we made in our accountability group was that none of us could if that happened. That was not a statement of strength but a statement of letting you know how weak we are. We wanted to publically get it on record that our privilege to be in the ministry was opening the door only one time and we were telling ourselves that when you begin to contemplate unfaithfulness to your marriage vows and sell yourself unfaithfulness, remember it may cost you your marriage but it will cost you the ministry (for those in our accountability group).

Those ten commitments would hold us accountable. If I can lie to my dear wife who has given so much for me to serve Him then it would be a piece of cake to stand in a pulpit and lie to people. So what we were doing was not extraordinary but it was declaring our own awareness of our weaknesses and your ministry would be done if you decide to walk away from your marriage vows. That is one cost for sure and it’s public. Secondly we’re aware that if a man cannot be faithful to his wife there is no way he can faithfully care for the bride of Christ, His church.

The third point from Joseph is when the time came and Potiphar’s wife gave her big and final move he engaged in immediate evacuation. That is one of the smartest things in the world to do. Flee temptation. Don’t try to resist it. Nowhere in the Bible does it tell you to resist. The Bible tells us to stand firm in the day of the battle, to take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ but in terms of temptation it says to flee. Because of the sin nature inside of you and the temptations outside of you, when those two marry the product of sin is death. So kill the old man inside and flee the temptation outside. I’m not a rocket scientist but if I get rid of both parents (old man and temptation) the child (sin) can’t be born – sin cannot be produced.

Know that Satan has schemes, servants and snares. Not only can you not out think him, you can’t handle them. It is wrong headed arrogance to stay in the way of temptation. Just say to yourself ‘I can’t handle this and greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world but the one in the world is greater than me so I’m going to flee to Jesus and flee temptation.’ In relationships you need to declare what is expected and what can’t happen and don’t think you can handle those moments alone, apart from observation and accountability. Say ‘no’ to arrogance and ‘yes’ to humility for I’m going to flee this, then pursue holiness.

I want to leave you with some encouragement so let’s turn to Genesis 41. This is a man in real time looking at it from the vantage point of Potiphar’s wife and Joseph’s actions. In Genesis 41 Joseph is now a steward over everything in Egypt and he is going to be installed so here is what happens.

Genesis 41:37–45 says [37] This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. [38] And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” [39] Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. [40] You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” [41] And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” [42] Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. [43] And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt.
Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh knew Joseph had the Spirit of God because Joseph is making things public. Basically Joseph is given a signet ring, a royal robe and Airforce II (a chariot). If I’m reading too much into this then please forgive me. Now I don’t have the slightest idea who Potiphera is but why would Moses who won’t even tell us the name of the wife of Potiphar, give us the name of Joseph’s wife? I think the woman who would take Joseph as her husband likely had to stand with her husband while Pharaoh paraded him and this is something called assonance. What is assonance? Dissonance are two sounds that don’t go together. Potiphar – Potiphera… Moses is letting us know the wife of Potiphar did not have the last word for God had the last word. Likely, Potiphar with his wife, probably had to stand on the parade where Joseph is brought in on the second chariot. I wonder how that felt? Then Joseph gets a wife from the man called Potiphera which is calling your attention to something.

Put your eyes on the Lord. Be faithful to the Lord. God will uphold His people. Just remember that you can’t handle it or out think it but your God is able.

What a life Joseph had and what we have been able to learn about fleeing temptation, even with the issue of sexual temptation, but I think there are two things that Joseph didn’t do that I would encourage you to add to do, from his life concerning fleeing temptation in general and sexual temptation in particular.

Here is the first one. The first time Potiphar’s wife tried to bring Joseph to sin he said ‘no, I will not’ giving this glorious speech which I mentioned earlier but then we saw that she kept finding ways to come into his life day after day which is Satan probing – what’s your price, what would you sell your holiness for. I think after Joseph made his declaration he thought it was a done deal but with Satan it’s never a done deal. Satan is always trying to find the weak spot and he is never one and done. He always comes back just as he did through Potiphar’s wife to Joseph day after day.

Secondly, I say this boldly but carefully that Joseph should have never allowed himself to be alone with Potiphar’s wife. That is one of the reasons we put windows in all the offices of our pastors here at Briarwood. It is not that we don’t trust them, it’s just that we’re trying to protect them. That is why we have a standing requirement that you do not spend time alone with someone of the opposite sex in a relationship with a meal, in privacy etc. We are criticized for that by many people for many reasons but I want to make sure we avoid temptation by fleeing it and if we can take some steps that will help us, which I call stepping stones to righteousness when they are obstacles to sin, then it will help us to have a better outcome to fleeing temptation. So Joseph being there with her alone, set up her opportunity for false accusations. I would encourage you to never get into such a situation like that. It is always good to have witnesses with you, accountability with you and those who can uphold you.

I would encourage you to make these two things that were undone in Joseph’s life to be a part of your life as your approach to dealing with sin, fleeing temptation in general and sexual temptation in particular. Never think Satan is one and done and never enter into the battle alone. Always have those witnesses plus those band of brothers and/or circle of sisters around you. Let’s pray.
Prayer:
Father, thank You for the time and privilege to be in Your Word. Bless us as a people as we seek in a culture that would envelope us with the immorality of sexual anarchy, to embrace the gift in marriage and seek to be faithful in You and publicly tell the world ‘here is where we are’ as we flee temptation, kill the old man and fix our eyes on the God who is with us, Jesus. In His Name, I pray Amen.

Power Point
Stewardship in Real Time
I. God’s People who seek to be faithful stewards will always be targets for Satan’s schemes, snares and servants.
II. God’s will for His people is the pursuit of holiness in general and sexual purity in particular.

Satan’s Schemes, Snares and Servants
I. Satan’s Aspiration
II. Satan’s Attraction
III. Satan’s Infiltration
IV. Satan’s Negotiations
V. Satan’s Adaptations

I. Joseph’s Intentional Preparation
II. Joseph’s Public Proclamation
III. Joseph’s Immediate Evacuation