



**Sermon Outline
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**Temptation: Detour
or Dead End?**

Genesis 39:1-23

Joseph's temptation busting tactics:

*** Never allow your circumstances to govern your behavior and predetermine your _____.**

Genesis 39:6b-8a - Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused.

*** Be aware of the _____ of your actions.**

Genesis 39:9b - How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?

*** Never _____ at the point of temptation.**

Genesis 39:12a - 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.

*** Resisting temptation may not result in short-term _____.**

Genesis 39:20 - Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

Biblical observations concerning temptation:

1. Temptation is as old as _____.

Genesis 3:6-7 - When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

** Short-term gain sometimes leads to long-term pain.*

2. Satan is the #1 _____.

John 8:44b - He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Luke 4:1-2a - Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

2 Corinthians 2:11 - ...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

3. While temptation is common to all, God promises boundaries and opportunities to _____.

1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

4. When you mess up you need to _____.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*** Important questions to answer _____ you encounter temptation.**

** What temptation(s) am I most susceptible to?*

** When does temptation hit me the hardest?*

** What steps will I take to escape the temptation?*

** Besides God, who do I need to ask to hold me accountable?*

*** Joseph's _____ set him up for his next strategic detour to destiny.**