

Better Decisions,  
Fewer Regrets:  
The Legacy Question

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Proverbs 2:3-4; Genesis 39:6, 8-10  
Genesis 39:21; 45:5; 50:20

Your life is your story. What story do you want to tell?

<sup>3</sup> Cry out for wisdom, and beg for understanding. <sup>4</sup> Search for it like silver, and hunt for it like hidden treasure. Proverbs 2:3–4

Are you focused on the immediate or the ultimate?

Strong emotional appeal is a red flag. This is where we begin to talk ourselves into a decision.

<sup>6</sup> So Potiphar left Joseph in charge of everything he owned and was not concerned about anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well built and handsome. Genesis 39:6

<sup>8</sup> But Joseph refused and said to her, “My master trusts me with everything in his house. He has put me in charge of everything he owns. Genesis 39:8

<sup>9a</sup> There is no one in his house greater than I. He has not kept anything from me except you, because you are his wife. Genesis 39:9a

<sup>9b</sup> How can I do such an evil thing? It is a sin against God.” Genesis 39:9b

Joseph rehearses the story he wants to tell. His brothers have a story, too. They have to live a lie for the rest of their lives.

<sup>10</sup> The woman talked to Joseph every day, but he refused to have sexual relations with her or even spend time with her. Genesis 39:10

Joseph wisely sets up boundaries. He has guardrails protecting his story.

<sup>21</sup> But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him kindness and caused the prison warden to like Joseph. Genesis 39:21

Setbacks happen. Temptation and discouragement can distract us from the story we want to tell.

<sup>5</sup> Now don't be worried or angry with yourselves because you sold me here. God sent me here ahead of you to save people's lives. Genesis 45:5

<sup>20</sup> You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is being done. Genesis 50:20

You write the story of your life one decision at a time. Which of the available options do you want as a part of your story to tell?

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