

# Discussion Guide

A Pot of Fire  
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## **PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.**

This week past week we began working our way through the life of Joseph, beginning with an early story of how his brothers conspired against him. One of the main themes we saw was envy and selfishness, and how to replace it with being others-focused and practicing the fruits of the Spirit. This week we are continuing through Joseph's life by looking at another significant story in his history; when Potiphar's wife tempts Joseph he remains faithful and full of integrity. This story shows how, sometimes, God will allow temptation but he will also give us strength to overcome.

- Would you consider yourself a good test taker? Or, do tests make you nervous/anxious/etc.?
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## **PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ GENESIS 39:1-23 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.**

- How do Joseph's prospects look in verse 1? Verse 20? Go back to Genesis 37:5-11. How real do you think his dreams were to him during this time?
  - What tactics did Potiphar's wife use to tempt Joseph? (verses 7, 10, 12) In each case, how did Joseph resist?
  - Why doesn't Joseph receive the prescribed death penalty for adultery? What does this tell us about God's providence in Joseph's life?
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### PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- How do you handle situations where someone misunderstands your purpose or God's call on your life?
  - How do you tell the difference between a time of testing where God is refining your faith versus a time of temptation from the enemy? What are some key differences between the two?
  - When you are facing a trial or temptation, do you have someone you can confide in and confess to? If you do not, is there someone you can ask to be that person in your life?
  - Are you making yourself available to support others who are facing trials or temptations? What does it look like to support others?
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#### KEY VERSE:

Genesis 39:21

But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

#### NEXT STEPS:

- I will run away from temptation and run towards God.
- I will pray for the desire and strength to resist temptation.
- When trials come, I will endure because I know God can use them for his glory.
- I will make myself available to support others when they are facing trials.

