A Commitment To God

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INTRODUCTION

- I want you to ask yourself this question and hold on to this question while we go through this lesson. The question is, am I committed?
- Today's lesson we're going to be going over commitment and a commitment to God.

1 Joseph's Dreams and a Rough Patch

Genesis 37:5–11; Genesis 37:23–28

- Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers, and they hated him even more.
- Joseph may not realize or may realize that God is showing him a very bright future ahead of him.
- Then they took him and cast him into a pit, and the pit was empty, and there was no water in it.
- Now, this is a really rough patch for Joseph right now.

2 Stay Committed When Life Gets Bad or Good

Genesis 39:1–5; Genesis 39:7–20; Genesis 41:17–40

- The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man.
- How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?
- When your life gets bad, stay committed to God. Stay convicted. When your life gets good, when things start turning around, stay committed. Don't abandon God.
- Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?
- He didn't fall away. He didn't blame God. He stayed on the path, he stayed committed.

3 Conviction Is Crucial to Our Commitment

1 Peter 1:14–16

- We need to understand that conviction is a crucial point in our commitment to God.
- As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lust as in your ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.
- Be holy because God is holy. Be set apart because God is set apart.
- You need to ask yourself, how much does God really mean to me?

4 Sanctify the Lord God in Your Hearts

1 Peter 3:13–17

- But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed.
- Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.
- We put God as our priority. We set him on high.

- Make him the first priority to everything you do in your life.

5 Providence: God Working in Natural Ways

Genesis 45:5–7

- But providence is God working in natural ways.
- Providence is getting you from A to B, but the A and B might have some loop-de-loops and some side lines.
- For God sent me before you to preserve life.
- Joseph understood that it wasn't his brothers that sent him to Egypt. It was God.

6 Committed, Convicted, and Content

Hebrews 13:5; Hebrews 13:8

- And the one thing that he stayed was committed, convicted, and content.
- Be content with such things as you have. For he himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- Every day is a good day because Jesus lives. That is enough to be content.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And so I want to ask you the question are you committed? Have you been committed to God? Have you been through trials and tribulations and understood that God has been the one to get me through all those things?**

MY NOTES