



August 2022 Newsletter    Monthly Theme: *Honor*

## Sisters In the Spirit Devotional

### Joseph Honors God

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. Genesis 39:6,8

Perhaps you remember this account from Sunday School, as it's often used to reinforce God's expectation of purity. A young woman told me the other day that in the nineties the notion of celibacy before marriage is definitely passe'. But for Joseph the very future of Israel teetered on his decision.

Joseph could neither dishonor Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of the Pharaoh, nor disobey his God. But day after day Potiphar's wife kept after Joseph, hoping to wear down his resistance. Can't you just picture this "thirtysomething" woman, doused with perfume and decked out in the latest sheer fabrics, grasping Joseph's biceps? But when Joseph's outer garment falls away as he flees, she proceeds to act like a scorned woman and has Joseph thrown into jail.

But God had a plan. Through an incredible chain of events Joseph is found innocent and released from prison after he correctly interprets the king's disturbing dream. Eventually Joseph's position is restored, and he creates a stockpile of grain which sees both Egypt and Joseph's restored family through a great famine—the one he had predicted in that dream.

Joseph's moral stand preserved the very ancestral line leading up to Jesus Christ.

### Prayer:

Gracious Heavenly Father,

Thank You for being such a faithful Father to all of us. We give You all glory, honor, and praise! Lord, we can't look ahead to see how a critical moment of obedience fits into Your overall plan. Please give us Your strength when our human desires threaten to overpower us. Lord, help us to always seek You in all that we do and give us the courage to honor You in all aspects of our lives even when we find ourselves in dire straights just as Joseph was. Please continue to lead us and guide us. All these things we ask in thy Matchless Name, Amen.

**\*This devotion is courtesy of the Daily Wisdom for Women Practical, Biblical, Insight for Today's Wisdom by Carol L. Fitzpatrick.**



*We hope your special day was/is  
as wonderful as each of you are!  
Be blessed dear Sisters in Christ!!!*

## We Need You

*If you would like to plan or assist in planning a monthly event for the ministry, please use the link below to sign up today!*

<i>Month</i>	<i>Activity and Lead</i>	<i>Signup</i>
<i>September 2022</i>	<i>Support of the Prison Ministry—Lead: Min. Dell Stokes</i>	
<i>October 2022</i>	<i>Women's Night Out—Lead: Sis. Chandra Alston</i>	
<i>November 2022</i>	<i>Women's Ministry Luncheon—Lead: Sis. Shirley Hamm</i>	
<i>December 2022</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
<i>January 2023</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
<i>February 2023</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
<i>March 2023</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
<i>April 2023</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
<i>May 2023</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
<i>June 2023</i>	<i>TBD</i>	

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- Please support the Prison Ministry as they prepare to go into the Women's Prison in Henning, TN by giving a monetary donation. Please see Min. Dell Stokes to make your donation and to be a blessing to the ministry and the lives that they touch.
- Worship Service leading up to Pastor McReynolds' Installation will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
- The First Lady's Brunch will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The location is the Esplanade Memphis 901 Cordova Station Ave. Cordova, TN 38018.
- Pastor McReynolds' Installation service will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.
- Please support LTY Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$75.00 through Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. **For more information:** [www.LTYWomensRetreat.org](http://www.LTYWomensRetreat.org)  
Location: Greater Lewis St. M.B. Church  
152 E. Parkway N. Memphis, TN 38104.

- *Please continue to pray for healing and strength for Sis. Willie Ann Daniel, Sis. Cherri Branch, Sis. Theresa Dillihunt, Sis. Bonnie Jordan, and all of our Mature Members. Please also pray for Sis. Charlene Briggs as she recovers from surgery.*
- *Please pray for our youth as they have started the new school year and for our college students who are beginning their freshman year in school.*
- *Please remember and lift up all bereaved families.*