

Heroes Or Villains: Return, Revenge, Redemption

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*In this life there are either heroes or villains—
fighting for God or against Him. Our relationship to God
determines which side we choose to fight for.
Explore with us the survival skills every hero has.*

It is in the choices made that make us heroes or villains.

Temptation

She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, "Come on, sleep with me!" Joseph tore himself away, but he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house.

- Genesis 39:12 [NLT]

Can you build a fire in your lap and not burn your pants? Can you walk barefoot on hot coals and not get blisters?

- Proverbs 6:27-28 [MSG]

Run away from infantile indulgence. Run after mature righteousness—faith, love, peace—joining those who are in honest and serious prayer before God.

- 2Timothy 2:22 [MSG]

When faced with temptation, the hero runs away.

Trouble

God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So it was God who sent me here,

not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

– Genesis 45:7-8 [NLT]

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.

– Deuteronomy 31:6 [NLT]

When faced with trouble, the hero runs towards.

Testing

"Interpreting dreams is God's business," Joseph replied. "Go ahead and tell me your dreams."

- Genesis 40:8b [NLT]

"It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease."

- Genesis 41:16 [NLT]

Some nations boast of their chariots and horses,
but we boast in the name of the Lord our God.
Those nations will fall down and collapse,
but we will rise up and stand firm.

- Psalms 20:7-8 [NLT]

But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord .

- Joshua 24:15b [NLT]

When faced with trails & tests, the hero stands firm.

Prequel: Genesis 37

Catch the rest of the story this week @ Genesis:

Chapter 39 [Sat], Chapter 40 [Sun], Chapter 41 [Mon],
Chapter 42 [Tue], Chapter 43 [Wed], Chapter 44 [Thu],
Chapter 45 [Fri], Chapter 46 [Sat].