Footprints of Faith

Testimony and Perseverance Through Temptation

Lesson Seven: Difficulty Does Not Mean the Wrong Road

Facilitator Guide

Purpose: Evaluate a costly decision by its basis and responsibilities while seeking wisdom about what should continue or change.

Readings: Genesis 39:13–23; James 1:2–5; Galatians 6:7–10.

Opening question: Can a sound decision remain worthwhile when its immediate consequences hurt?

Conducting the lesson

1. Return to Joseph's consequences. Read the accusation and imprisonment alongside the Lord's presence. Ask why the outcome does not reverse the meaning of the refusal.

2. Consider patience and wisdom. Read James. Distinguish endurance from an obligation to accept avoidable harm or remain passive about wrongdoing.

3. Continue good responsibly. Read Galatians in context. Use the truthful-report illustration to examine integrity without promising immediate reward.

4. Review an unfinished story. Ask what is known, what remains uncertain, and what new information might call for a change in course.

Discussion

1. Why does suffering alone prove neither faithfulness nor a mistaken choice?

2. How can leaving danger be consistent with perseverance?

3. How can an unfinished testimony encourage honestly?

Application: Invite examination of a decision's truthfulness, responsibilities, assistance needed, and basis for maintaining or revising it.

Close: Hope can be expressed without inventing a completed outcome. Preserve that honesty in testimony notes.

Facilitator reminder: Do not glorify harmful circumstances or use perseverance to discourage appropriate help, safety, or correction.