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From the Pastor



What Garment Are You Wearing?

Do you remember the story of Joseph in the book Genesis? The one thing that struck me as I preached on this story were the three garments that Joseph wore. Consider those three garments.

The first garment was given to Joseph as he was with his family. His father Jacob, also called Israel, gave him a robe of many colors. Joseph was enjoying time with his family and was blessed by his father.

Genesis 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. (ESV)

The second garment was a garment that Joseph wore when he was a slave, sold by his brothers, to a man named Potiphar. Joseph had this garment taken from him as he was getting away from Potiphar's wife who wanted to make out with him. Joseph was fleeing sin when this garment was taken.

Genesis 39:12 ... she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. (ESV)

The final garment was given to Joseph by Pharaoh when Pharaoh placed Joseph as second in command in Egypt. Joseph has suffered much, and now he was at the point of being blessed by God through Pharaoh. Joseph wore this garment with the blessings of God.

Genesis 41:42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. (ESV)

What garment are you wearing during this time of confinement?

Are you enjoying the time with your



family? Are you are a family who is spending more time together than you ever have? Take the time and enjoy your family. If you are a parent, look for ways to bless your children like Jacob did.

Do you find yourself dealing with temptation? Then flee from that temptation. Leave the places where you face temptation. Go for a walk. Turn off your phone, iPad or computer. Flee!

Maybe this is a time where you feel blessed. Consider all that God has given you in the midst of this crisis. Look at how you are blessed.

Let me ask, which garment are you wearing today? You probably have all three in your “spiritual” closet. Let me encourage you to wear them all at different times. One way to wear them is to talk to God about your life. Thank God for your family, ask for help in temptation, and thank Him for His blessings.

Whatever garment you wear, or in one case run from, I’m sure you’ll look good in it.

In Him and for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Art". The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style, and "Art" is written in a more stylized, blocky cursive.