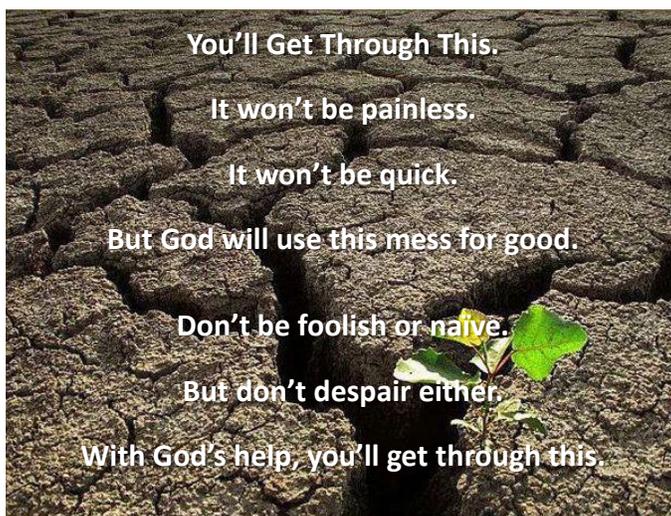


40 Days of Encouragement
“You’ll Get Through This”
Gen 37:18-25

18 When they saw Joseph from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death. 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer! 20 "Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!" 21 But Reuben heard this and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not take his life." 22 Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father. 23 So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him; 24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it. 25 Then they sat down to eat a meal.



“If you’ve got a pulse, you’ve got a problem.” Max Lucado

- I. Joseph found himself in a **pit**. (Gen. 37:24)

“They took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.”

1. The pit represents the **unexpected** trouble we face. (v.18)

“When they saw Joseph from a distance and before he came close to them, **they plotted against him to put him to death.**”

2. The pit represents the **unfair** treatment with experience. (v.23)

So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that **they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him;**

3. The pit represents the **unknown** future we fear. (v. 28)

Then some Midianite traders passed by, **so they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the pit,** and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. **Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.**

- II. Joseph learned the 50/20 **principle**. (Genesis 50:20)

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

1. God does have a plan for your **future**. (Jer 29:11)

'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, **'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.**

2. God does have a purpose for your **pain**. (Job 42:2)

"I know that You can do all things, And that **no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.**

3. God does have the power for your **success**. (Dan 6:28)

So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

- III. Joseph experienced God's **promise**. (Gen 50:24)

Joseph said to his brothers, " I am about to die, but **God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised** on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob."

1. Joseph experienced God's promise in the **pit**. (Gen 37:21-22)

But Reuben heard this and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not take his life." Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him" — **that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father.**

2. Joseph experienced God's promise in the house of **Potiphar**. (Gen 39:3-4)

"Now his master saw that **the Lord was with him** and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. **So Joseph found favor in his sight...**"

3. Joseph experienced God's promise in the **prison**. (Gen 39:21)

But **the Lord was with Joseph** and extended kindness to him, and **gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.**

4. Joseph experienced God's promise in the **palace**. (Gen 41:39-40)

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "**Since God has informed you of all this, you shall be over my house...**"

2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,
Nor will the flame burn you. (Isa 43:2)