



Easley Church of God
Sunday Worship 8-14-22
Sermon Series: LABELS-2

Key Verse for this Series:

1 Corinthians 6:11

Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right (justified) with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Today's Text:

Genesis 37:12-22

12 Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am." 14 Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem. 15 Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?" 16 So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding their flocks." 17 And the man said, "They have departed from here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan. 18 Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. 19 Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming! 20 Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him

into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!" 21 But Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him." 22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him"—that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

THE PIT SYMBOLIZES WHAT THE ENEMY TRIES TO DO:

1. A pit is a place of _____.
- a. Genesis 37:20a Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit...
- b. Genesis 37:23 So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him.

THE PIT SYMBOLIZES WHAT THE ENEMY TRIES TO DO:

2. A pit is a place of _____.
- a. Genesis 37:20b ... We shall see what will become of his dreams!"

THE PIT SYMBOLIZES WHAT THE ENEMY TRIES TO DO:

3. A pit is a place to be _____.
- a. Genesis 37:24 Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.

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4. A pit is a place of being _____ off.
- a. Genesis 37:27-28 Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened. 28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

THE PIT SYMBOLIZES WHAT THE ENEMY TRIES TO DO:

5. A pit is a place where they try to _____ you.
- a. Genesis 37:31-33 So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. 32 Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?" 33 And he

recognized it and said, “It is my son’s tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces.”

HOW DO YOU OVERCOME A PIT EXPERIENCE?

1. Remember people don’t _____ you—their actions and words cannot _____ your life.

a. Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

b. John 9:3 (Jesus answering question of who sinned of man being born blind) “No one sinned, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

c. Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

d. Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

e. Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

HOW DO YOU OVERCOME A PIT EXPERIENCE?

2. God has not _____ you at the _____ of other people—He will be _____ of your life!

a. Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

b. Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

c. Psalm 118:5-6,8,10-11

5 In my distress I prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered me and set me free. 6 The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?

8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people.

10 Though hostile nations surrounded me, I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.

11 Yes, they surrounded and attacked me, but I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.

HOW DO YOU OVERCOME A PIT EXPERIENCE?

3. Hold onto the _____ of your God-given dream, walk in the _____ of Jesus Christ and in the _____ He has for you!

a. Psalm 27:5 For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in his dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

b. Isaiah 14:27 For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?

c. Job 42:2 I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

d. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

e. Psalm 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, and heard my cry. 2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. 3 He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

Reflection:

Have you gotten tired of fighting and just given up in a pit experience?

Has a pit experience left you feeling like you can't do what God has gifted you to do?

Conclusion:

Jesus is not willing to leave you in a pit—that is why He went to the cross. He knows your worth—He will lift you up and set your feet on the solid Rock!