

A cosmic background image featuring a large, curved horizon of Earth on the left, a full Moon in the upper right, and vibrant, colorful nebulae in shades of blue, red, and orange filling the rest of the frame.

GENESIS

Sunday Series

Genesis 37





The **PURPOSE** Of the **Pit**...



To SHOW Us

Something GOD Wants Us to See.

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The **PURPOSE**
Of the Pit...

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What did Joseph Need to See?

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What I Feel like During
an Eye Exam...



What Joseph Needed to See...

The **PURPOSE**
Of the **Pit**...

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To
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That Youthful Pride Leads to Youthful **Pits.**

-Joseph knew he was the favored one and there is a tone of youthful pride in the text.

Vs 2 – He brought back a bad report.

Vs 3-4 – He is the favorite son, and everyone knows it.

Vs 5-11 – He's a Dreamer who brags about his dreams.

It Was Youthful Pride that Landed Joseph in the **Pit**!

What Joseph Needed to See...

The **PURPOSE**
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The Parental **Pit**falls.

-Joseph needed to see that parental favoritism can have dangerous consequences in a family.

Vs 3 – Israel loved Joseph more than his other sons.

-This was also modeled by his parents...

Genesis 25:28 Now Isaac loved Esau because he had a taste for game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

*It Was Parental **Pit**falls that also Landed Joseph in the **Pit**!*

Pit Truth

1. Pits Used to be
WELLS.

2. Pits Make you
LOOK Up!

FROM Pit TO WELL

Joseph after the **Pit** we **SEE**
a life of humility and
reliance on **GOD**.

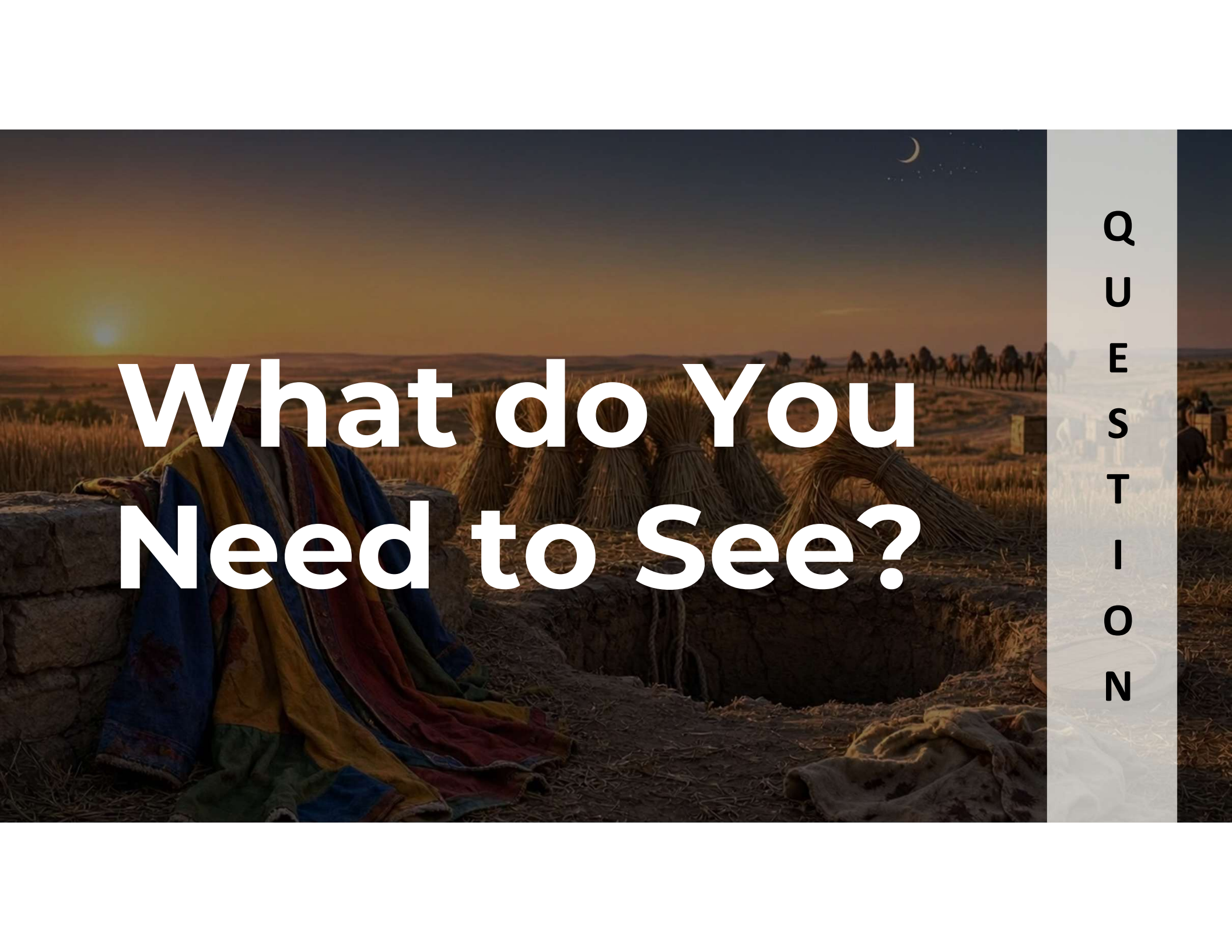
Joseph after the **Pit** we **SEE**
no mention of his kids being
affected by Parental **Pit**falls.

The background image shows a desert landscape at sunset. In the foreground, there is a stone wall on the left, a colorful cloth (blue, yellow, and red) draped over it, and a deep, dark pit in the ground. A wooden lid is visible on the right side of the pit. In the background, there are some trees and a herd of animals, possibly camels or horses, grazing in the distance. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with a crescent moon visible in the upper right.

The **PURPOSE** of the **Pit**...

To **SEE** what you
couldn't before
the **Pit**.

Personal **Pit** Stop #1



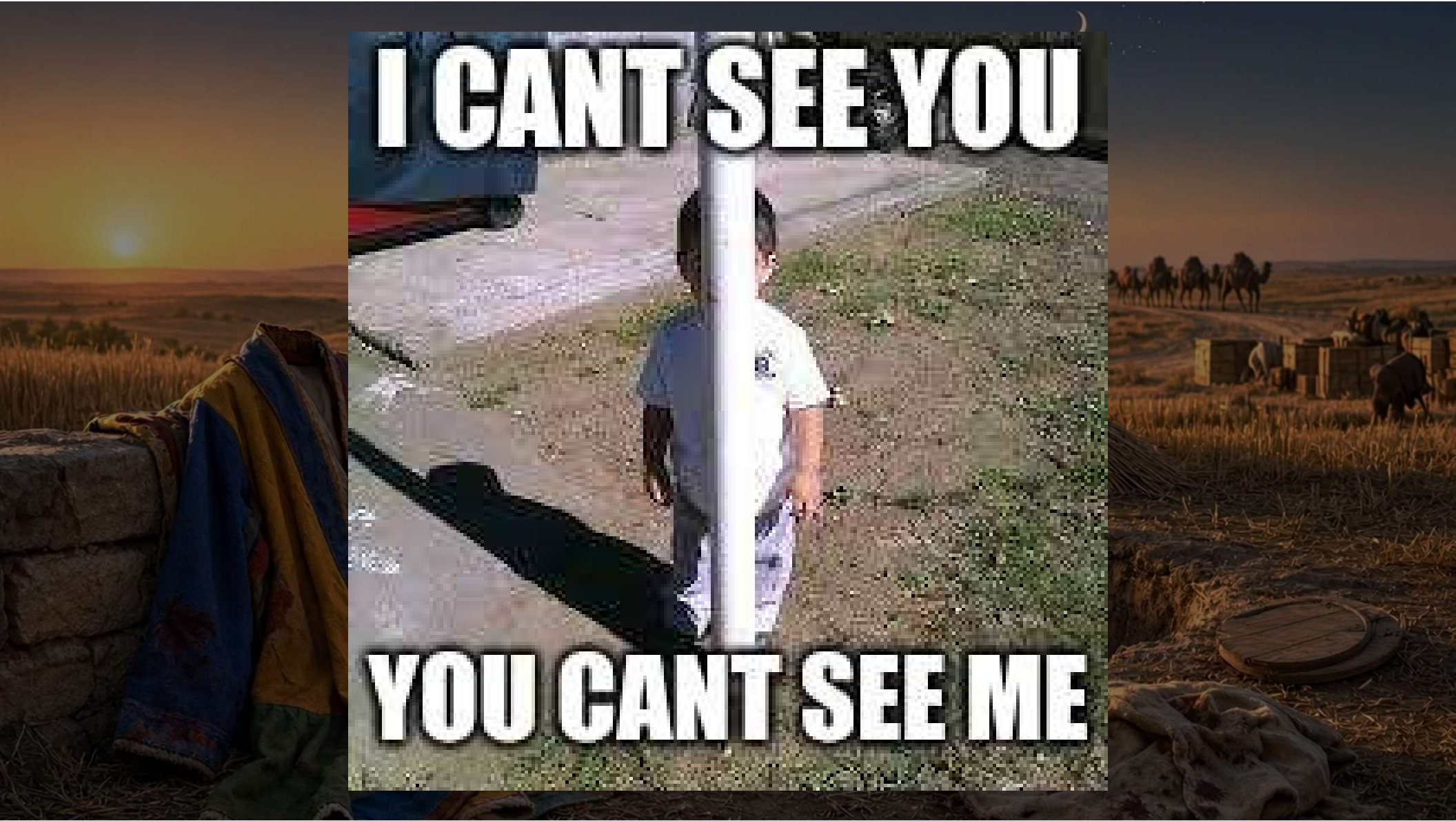
What do You Need to See?

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I CANT SEE YOU



YOU CANT SEE ME





To TEACH Us

Something GOD Wants Us to Learn.

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The **PURPOSE**
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What did Joseph Need to Learn?

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**Before was was was,
was was is.**



People learning English

**WHEN YOU ARE LEARNING
SOMETHING NEW...**



BUT YOU DON'T GET IT

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What Joseph Needed to Learn...

The **PURPOSE**
Of the **Pit**...

2

To
TEACH
Us

To Have Dream Discretion.

-Joseph was given a dream...

Vs 5-11 – Both Dreams were Prophetic. Both Dreams were about the Future. It was Joseph who decided in his youthful pride to share the dreams. The Result was Pitiful...

*It Was Dream Indiscretion that Landed Joseph in the **Pit**!*

What Joseph Needed to Learn...

The **PURPOSE**
Of the Pit...

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To
TEACH
Us

That GOD has a Plan.

-Joseph was the favorite child, he had dreams, what he didn't know was GOD's Plan.

Vs 13 – Israel Sent Joseph, Joseph went willingly.

Vs 15 – A Man Helped him to Find his brothers.

Vs 17 – Joseph Found his brothers.

Vs 21 – Rueben Rescued Joseph.

Vs 25 – Ishmaelites & Midianites.

Vs 36 – Joseph is sold in Egypt to Potiphar.

It Was GOD's Plan that Landed Joseph in the Pit!

Pit Truth

1. Pits Don't Change
Dreams.

2. Pits Don't Change
GOD's Plan!

FROM Pit TO WELL

Joseph after the **Pit** **LEARNED**
discretion and **GOD** fulfilled and
used Dreams in his life.

Joseph after the **Pit** **LEARNED**
that **GOD's** Plan for him was
beyond the **Pit**.



The **PURPOSE** of the **Pit**...

To **KNOW** what you
couldn't before
the **Pit**.

Personal **Pit** Stop #2

A desert landscape at sunset. In the foreground, there are several haystacks and a colorful, patterned cloth draped over a stone wall. In the background, a caravan of camels and riders is visible on the horizon under a dark sky with a crescent moon and stars.

What do You Need to Learn?

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when the teacher walks up to
you during an exam, looks at your
paper and shouts " guys please make
sure you read the questions carefully"





To MOVE Us

To Where GOD Wants Us To Be.

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The **PURPOSE**
Of the Pit...

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Where was GOD moving Joseph?

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When you move out of your parent's house and have no clue what you're doing.



Where Joseph Needed to Be...

The **PURPOSE**
Of the **Pit**...

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To
MOVE
Us

To The People GOD Wanted to Influence.

-Joseph's Life Influenced People Where God Moved Him.

- *Think of all the People that were affected by Joseph's life and story!*

*It Was GOD's Plan that **MOVED** Joseph to the **Pit**!*

SHORT LIST OF PEOPLE IMPACTED BY GOD'S PLAN FOR JOSEPH'S LIFE.

Joseph

Joseph's Brothers

Jacob

Jacob's whole Family

Ishmaelites

Midianites

Egyptians

Pharaohs

Israelites

Everyone since Joseph to this Day!

Where Joseph Needed to Be...

The **PURPOSE**
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To
MOVE
Us

The Place Where GOD Wanted Joseph.

-Joseph didn't realize GOD was moving him.

- *Think of all the Places that Joseph went in his story! One by one each place GOD moved him. GOD also used him in HIS plan and grew Joseph's faith in GOD!*

*It Was GOD's Plan that **MOVED** Joseph to the
Pit!*

FROM Pit TO WELL

Joseph after the **Pit** was **MOVED**
to the People **GOD** wanted
him to influence.

Joseph after the **Pit** was **MOVED**
to the Place **GOD** wanted
him to be.

The background image shows a desert landscape at sunset. In the foreground, there is a well with a wooden cover on the right and a colorful cloth draped over a stone wall on the left. In the background, several camels are grazing in a field of dry grass under a sky with a crescent moon.

The **PURPOSE** of the **Pit**...

To **BE** where you
weren't before
the **Pit**.

Personal **Pit** Stop #3

A desert landscape at sunset. In the foreground, there are several haystacks and a colorful, patterned cloth draped over a stone wall. In the background, a caravan of camels and people is visible on the horizon under a dark sky with a crescent moon and stars.

Where is GOD Taking You?

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This poor couch looks terrified!



This Week Remember

GOD Has A

PURPOSE

For the Pit.