

The Pit

Title: Meant For Good: The Life of Joseph (The Pit)

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 40:1-23**

Discussion Questions

1. We are in the fourth week of our sermon series about the life of Joseph called, *Meant for Good*. Today's reading is Genesis 40:1-23. Read this passage for yourself. What stands out to you as you read?
2. After Potiphar's wife gave a false report about Joseph, he was thrown into prison. God continued to bless Joseph even within the prison, so he was elevated up to being one of the prisoners in charge of the whole prison. Joseph is in prison, but we are told that God is still with him and still blessing him. Have you ever felt God come alongside you in the middle of hardship? How did you know it was God?
3. While in prison Joseph met two imprisoned servants of Pharaoh. They were Pharaoh's cupbearer and his baker. One night both men had dreams. Joseph interpreted their dreams for them. The first dreamed of his own restoration and redemption, while the second dream of his impending rejection and destruction. When Joseph's interpretation came true there was a glimmer of hope that the first man would remember him and speak favorably of him to Pharaoh, but we are told at the end of the passage that Joseph was forgotten and continued to stay in prison.
4. As Christians, we know that each path represented by these dreams potentially lies before every person. The only thing that can move us from the path of destruction to redemption is trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ. Read this story once again considering Jesus and his redeeming work on the cross. Does anything new stand out to you?