

## FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE

### Genesis 37:3-11

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**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.”

- **GOD PREPARES YOU IN THE PIT**

**Genesis 37:18-21** “Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. <sup>19</sup>Then they said to one another, “Look, this dreamer is coming! <sup>20</sup>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! <sup>21</sup>But Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, “Let us not kill him.”

**Genesis 37:23-24** “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. <sup>24</sup>Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit *was* empty; *there was* no water in it.”

**Matthew 6:4** “Your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”

**Romans 8:37** “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

**Jeremiah 29:11** “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

**Proverbs 19:21** “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, nevertheless, it’s the Lord’s counsel-that will stand.”

**Genesis 39:1-5 (NIV)** “Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. <sup>2</sup>The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup>When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything, he did, <sup>4</sup>Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. <sup>5</sup>From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.”

**Genesis 39:7-9** “and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” <sup>8</sup>But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself

with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. <sup>9</sup>No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”

- **GOD POSITIONS YOU IN THE PRISON**

**Genesis 39:21-22** “But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave<sup>[a]</sup> him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. <sup>22</sup>And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who *were* in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.”

**Proverbs 16:7** “When a man’s ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”

**Genesis 41:1** “Then it came to pass that after two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream.”

**Luke 16:10** “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much”

**Genesis 39:23** “The keeper of the prison did not investigate anything *that was* under *Joseph’s* authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made *it* prosper.”

- **GOD PROSPERS YOU IN THE PALACE**

**Genesis 41:14** “Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh.”

**Genesis 41:15b-16** “I have had a dream and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said that you can understand a dream, to interpret it. Then Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, ‘it is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.’ “

**Genesis 41: 39-41** “Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you. <sup>40</sup>You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.’ <sup>41</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.’ “

**Genesis 45:5** “God sent me before you to preserve life.”

**Genesis 50:20** “But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good...”