

The Life of Joseph Series

Part 2: Joseph In A Pit

Genesis 37:18–36

Series Overview

From the Pit to the Palace

1. Joseph in a Pit
2. Joseph in Potiphar's House
3. Joseph in a Prison
4. Joseph in a Palace

Philippians 1:6 – He will perform it.

I. Ignorance and Faith (vv. 18–20)

- Joseph approached unaware of the full danger.
- God does not always reveal what is ahead.
- Faith requires obedience without full understanding.

Key Principle:

God may conceal details to preserve dependence.

Notes:

II. The Pit Was Not the Plan (vv. 21–24)

- The brothers intended death.
- Reuben intervened.
- The pit was transitional, not final.

Key Principle:

The pit is often preparation, not punishment.

Notes:

III. A Picture of Christ (vv. 23–28)

- Stripped of his coat.
- Cast into a pit.
- Sold for silver.

Joseph prefigures Christ in rejection and suffering.

Key Principle:

God uses betrayal to advance redemption.

Notes:

IV. Sin Multiplies When Unconfessed (vv. 29–32)

- Deception required staging.
- A lie concealed by omission.
- Grief followed dishonesty.

Key Principle:

Unconfessed sin never remains isolated.

Notes:

V. God of All Comfort (vv. 33–36)

- Jacob mourned deeply.
- Human comfort was insufficient.
- God remained sovereign and active.

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 – The God of all comfort.

Key Principle:

God is working even when the pit feels permanent.

Notes:

Closing Reflection

The pit was not the end.

It was the pathway.

Personal Application:

What pit may God be using to prepare you?
