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Part 1 – Positioned in a Pit
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Genesis 37:23-24 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

Genesis 39:16-20a She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger. Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined.

1. The _____...

2. The _____...

3. The _____...

I. Sometimes your pit is created by _____.

1. _____

Genesis 37:8 His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

2. _____

Genesis 37:11 His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

3. _____

Genesis 37:28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

4. _____

Genesis 39:6b-7 Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!”

II. Occasionally your pit is made worse by _____.

Genesis 37:5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.

Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

III. Always know you are _____ in your pit.

Genesis 39:20b-21 But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

Matthew 28:20b “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (NLT)

Psalms 46:7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

IV. Don't _____ while in your pit.

Genesis 40:6-8 *When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, "Why do you look so sad today?"*

"We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them."

Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."

Genesis 40:23 *The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.*

Genesis 41:1 *When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile...*

2 Timothy 4:5 *But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

Conclusion: God wants to do _____ in you and through you no matter where you are!

All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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