

## **The Crisis Of Being In The Pit**

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Genesis 37:18-24; Genesis 39:6-21

### **What Do You Do When A Crisis Hits?**

#### **I. What is a crisis?**

- A. An event, situation, circumstance
- B. That is often unexpected, problematic, or painful
- C. That can lead to deeper problems, heartache, permanent change, or even death
- D. A crisis makes you feel like life is crushing you or that you are in a pit with no escape

#### **II. The different types of crisis**

- A. A crisis of faith
- B. A community crisis
  - 1. Flood
  - 2. Hurricane
  - 3. Mass shooting
- C. A national crisis
  - 1. 9/11
  - 2. Pandemic
- D. A personal crisis
  - 1. Vocation
  - 2. Health
  - 3. Relationship
- E. A family crisis

#### **III. The types of pits we find ourselves in**

- A. Pit of guilt/shame
- B. Pit of doubt
- C. Pit of depression
- D. Pit of bitterness/vengeance

E. Pit of fear and loneliness

F. Pit of self-deception, addiction, arrogance, and failure

G. Pit of anger, hostility, and resentment

#### **IV. The responsibility determines the outcome of a crisis [What not to do when you land in a pit]**

- A. Stay there because you feel you deserve it
  - 1. God brings grace to our situation, when we seek Him
  - 2. God brings a second chance
  - 3. He came to set the captives free
  - 4. He came for those in the pit
- B. Some stay in the pit because they feel there is no way out
  - 1. God reaches down to where we are
  - 2. God saves, God redeems
- C. Some begin to tolerate the pit  
[The tolerance of your condition determines your future]
  - 1. Beware of being conditioned to abuse/addiction
  - 2. Beware of being conditioned to perversion
  - 3. Beware of being conditioned to doctrines of demons
  - 4. Beware of being conditioned to loss of freedoms

#### **V. The story of Joseph (Son of Jacob)**

- A. Joseph had a personal and family crisis [with his brothers]
- B. He was immature and arrogant, and they hated him
- C. They threw him in a pit after they kidnapped him

- D. Sometimes Satan's greatest weapon of attack is to use those closest to you to hurt you
  - 1. Joseph's brother
  - 2. Jesus's disciples
- E. Sold him into slavery
- F. Later "framed by boss" wife
- G. Landed in a dungeon pit

**VI. How Joseph responded**

**[God was with him]**

- A. He believed God saw him
  - 1. God sees us
  - 2. God is working
- B. God was with him
  - 1. We forget we are behind enemy lines
  - 2. We forget who is managing this world
- C. Joseph didn't make it worse
- D. Stayed true to God
- E. He used his gifts
- F. He never stopped doing the right thing
  - 1. He knew to never respond permanently to a temporary problem
- G. He knew what he wanted life to look like to honor God
  - 1. Fairness was not with Joseph
  - 2. Fortune was not with Joseph
  - 3. Family not with Joseph

But God was with Joseph

**VII. The ultimate outcome**

- A. Joseph remained faithful and used his gifts
- B. Joseph saved the land/people from starvation
- C. He saved his family and brothers from starvation
- D. He was made second in command in all of Egypt

- E. Restored his brothers to himself
- F. Used by God for God's greater plan
- G. His purpose in life was fulfilled as he went from the pit to the palace
- H. He believed God was with him
- I. He remained faithful
- J. He knew the pit was not his home

**VIII. What God has in store for you**

- A. A mansion
- B. A share in His kingdom
- C. A marriage banquet
- D. You are made for a palace not a pit
- E. Don't let the pit define you, discourage you, and defeat you

**Stay True To His Word  
Stay True To His Mission  
As We Go From The  
Pit To The Palace**