

Joseph

Genesis 37-45

Heroes of Faith Part 3 of 9

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1. FAITH THAT _____ IN THE PIT

Genesis 37:23–24, 28

Faith doesn't always begin on a mountaintop — sometimes it begins in a pit.

- “They stripped him of his robe...” (verse 23)
- “They took him and threw him into the cistern...” (verse 24)
- “Sold... for twenty shekels of silver” (verse 28)

Sometimes, faith means saying:

God, I don't understand this—but I trust You're in it with me." He may not lift you out of the pit right away, but He never leaves you there alone.

2. FAITH THAT _____ IN TEMPTATION

Genesis 39:6–12

3. FAITH THAT _____ IN THE PRISON

Genesis 40:23–41:1

4. FAITH THAT FORGIVES AND _____ GOD'S HAND

Genesis 45:4–8

They receive forgiveness. And even more powerfully — they hear Joseph say, **“It was not you who sent me here, but God.”**

Faith doesn't just endure pain — it transforms it into purpose. Joseph's life gives us four powerful truths about faith:

1. Faith endures when life feels unfair.
2. Faith resists temptation when no one is watching.
3. Faith waits patiently when dreams are delayed.
4. Faith forgives when it would be easier to get even.

WEEKLY APPLICATION POINT -

Take 5 minutes each day this week to reflect on where you are in your story — and where you've seen God's hand even in the detours. Write down what you're waiting for — and choose to worship in the meantime.

I am waiting on _____

INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What has “the pit” looked like in your life—relationally, mentally, physically, or spiritually?
2. How easy is it for you to believe that God is present with you in moments of isolation or betrayal?
3. Genesis 37:23–24 says Joseph was thrown into a dry cistern. What does this physical image teach us about spiritual or emotional “pits” we may experience?
4. How do Joseph's actions (or lack of complaint) challenge the way we handle injustice?
5. Read Psalm 40:1–3. How does this passage resonate with Joseph's time in the pit?