

**SERIES: the CHALLENGE**  
**the PIT!**

**MESSAGE: Get Out of**

**A DESIRE without DISCIPLINE is a DREAM**

**A DREAM without CHARACTER is**

## **DESTRUCTION**

**Genesis 37:13—25** <sup>13</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers feeding *the flock* in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” So he said to him, “Here I am.” <sup>14</sup> Then he said to him, “Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me.” So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem. <sup>15</sup> Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, “What are you seeking?” <sup>16</sup> So he said, “I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding *their flocks*.” <sup>17</sup> And the man said, “They have departed from here, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan. <sup>18</sup> 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.” <sup>22</sup> And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit which *is* in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him”—that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father. <sup>23</sup> 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.

**#1 THE PIT HAS A POSITION**  
**from the PIT!**

**WISDOM requires US to LEARN**

***Even VICTIMS are meant to be VICTORIOUS!***

## **#2 THE PIT REQUIRES PERSPECTIVE**

*Difference b/t Condemnation & Conviction*

**John 3:17** <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but the world through Him might be saved.

- ***JESUS came to Convict & SAVE; not Condemn!***

**Genesis 37:31-33** So they took Joseph’s tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. <sup>32</sup> Then they sent the tunic of *many colors*, and they brought *it* to their father and said, “We have found this. Do you know whether it *is* your son’s tunic or not?” <sup>33</sup> And he recognized it and said, “It

**is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces."**

**Replace Lucifer's lies with GOD'S TRUTHS!**

### **#3 THE PIT HAS A PURPOSE**

**Jonah 2:1—6** Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly. **2** And he said: "I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, And He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice. **3** For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. **4** Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.' **6** I went down to the [a]moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars *closed* behind me forever; Yet **You have brought up my life from the pit.** O Lord, my God.

## **Sheol means pit**

**Genesis 37:25-28** **25** And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry them down to Egypt. **26** So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? **27** Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened. **28** Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Is my FAITH in my GOD or my gift?

We need to be in love with the giver..... Not the gift

**JESUS went to the PIT, so we could get OUT!**