

JOSEPH – 2 of 5
Passing the Pit Test
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¹³And 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."

¹⁴Then 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.

¹⁵Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?"

¹⁶So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding their flocks."

¹⁷And 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.

¹⁸Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming! ²⁰Come 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!"

²¹But Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him." ²²And 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.

²³So 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. ²⁴Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.

--Genesis 37:13-24 NKJV

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE PIT

1. THE POSITION OF THE PIT

Genesis 37:18

2. THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE PIT

John 3:17, Genesis 37:31-33

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE PIT

Jonah 2:1-2, 6; Genesis 37:22, Psalm 16:10

**IF YOU'RE IN A PIT, GOD WILL NOT LEAVE YOU IN THE PIT.
BECAUSE HE DID NOT LEAVE HIS OWN SON IN THE PIT.**