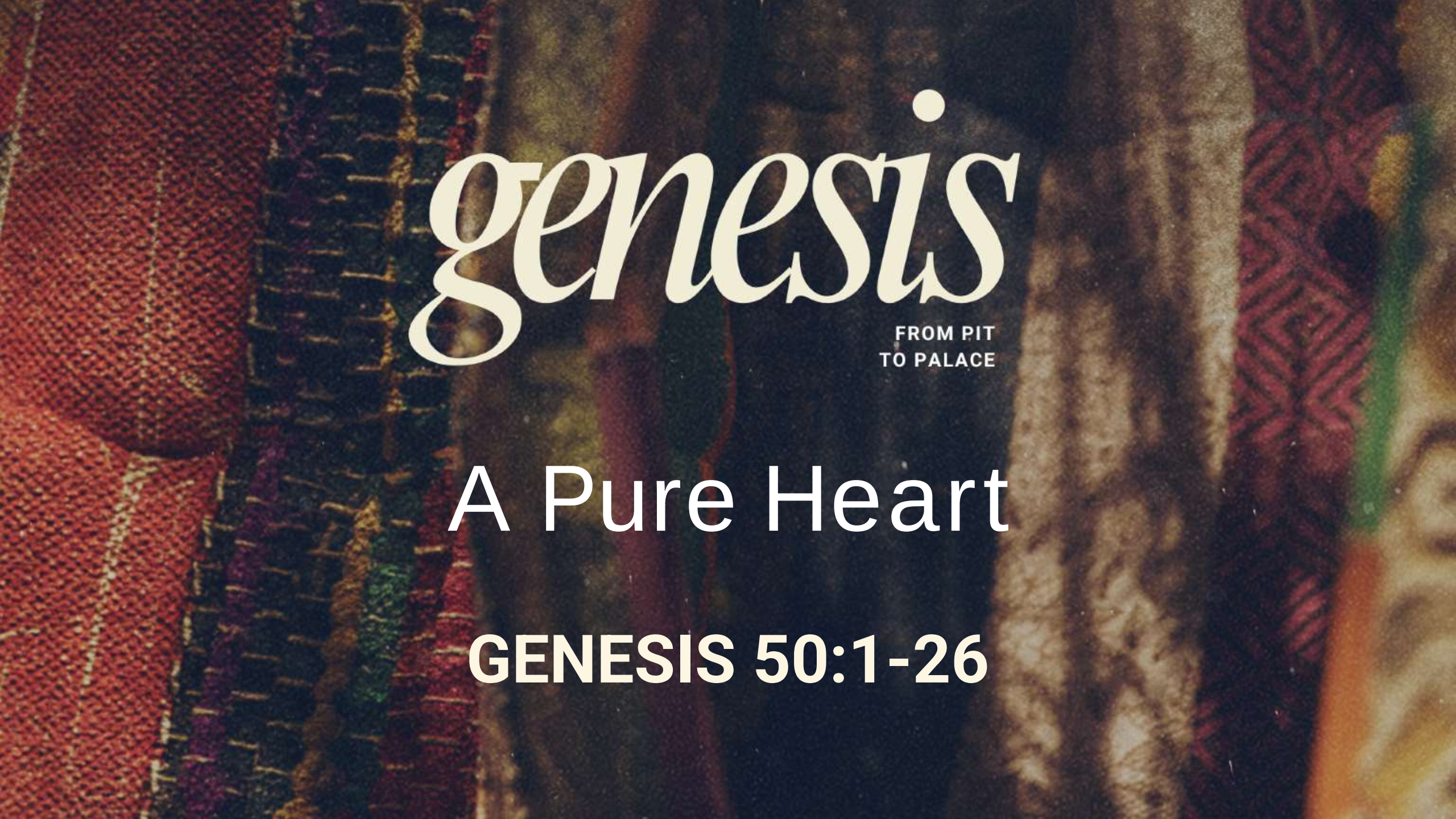




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GENESIS 50:1-26

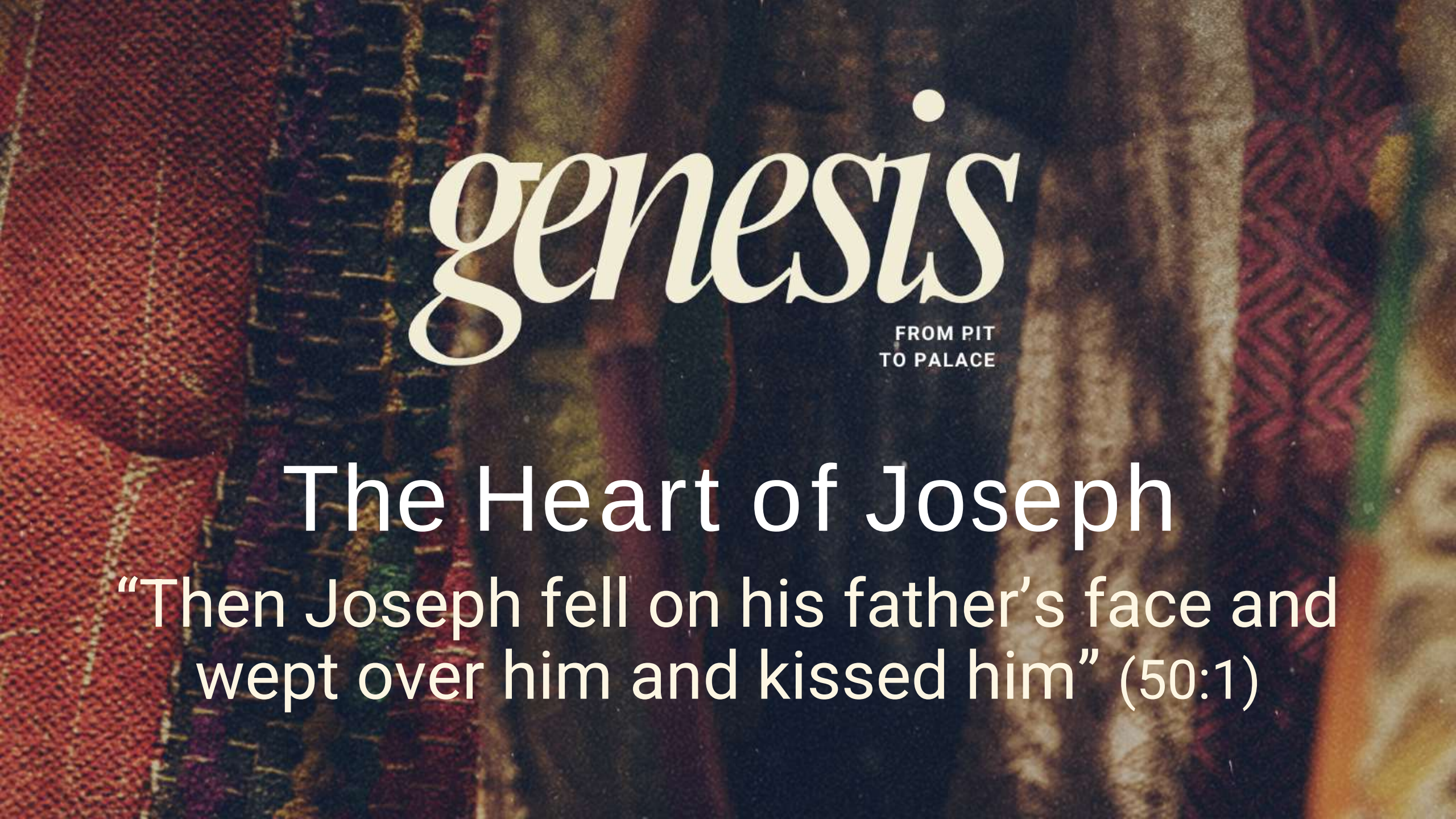
Joseph cries on several occasions

- **42:24**—When he sees his brothers
- **43:30**—When Benjamin stands before him
- **45:1**—When Judah wants to protect Benjamin
- **45:14**—When he hugs Benjamin
- **46:29**—When he sees his father
- ***50:1**—When his father dies
- ***50:10**—When he returns to Canaan
- ***50:18**—When his brothers ask for forgiveness

Genesis 49:33

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“When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.” (ESV)



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The Heart of Joseph

“Then Joseph fell on his father’s face and wept over him and kissed him” (50:1)

Genesis 50:2

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“And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.” (ESV)

Genesis 50:3

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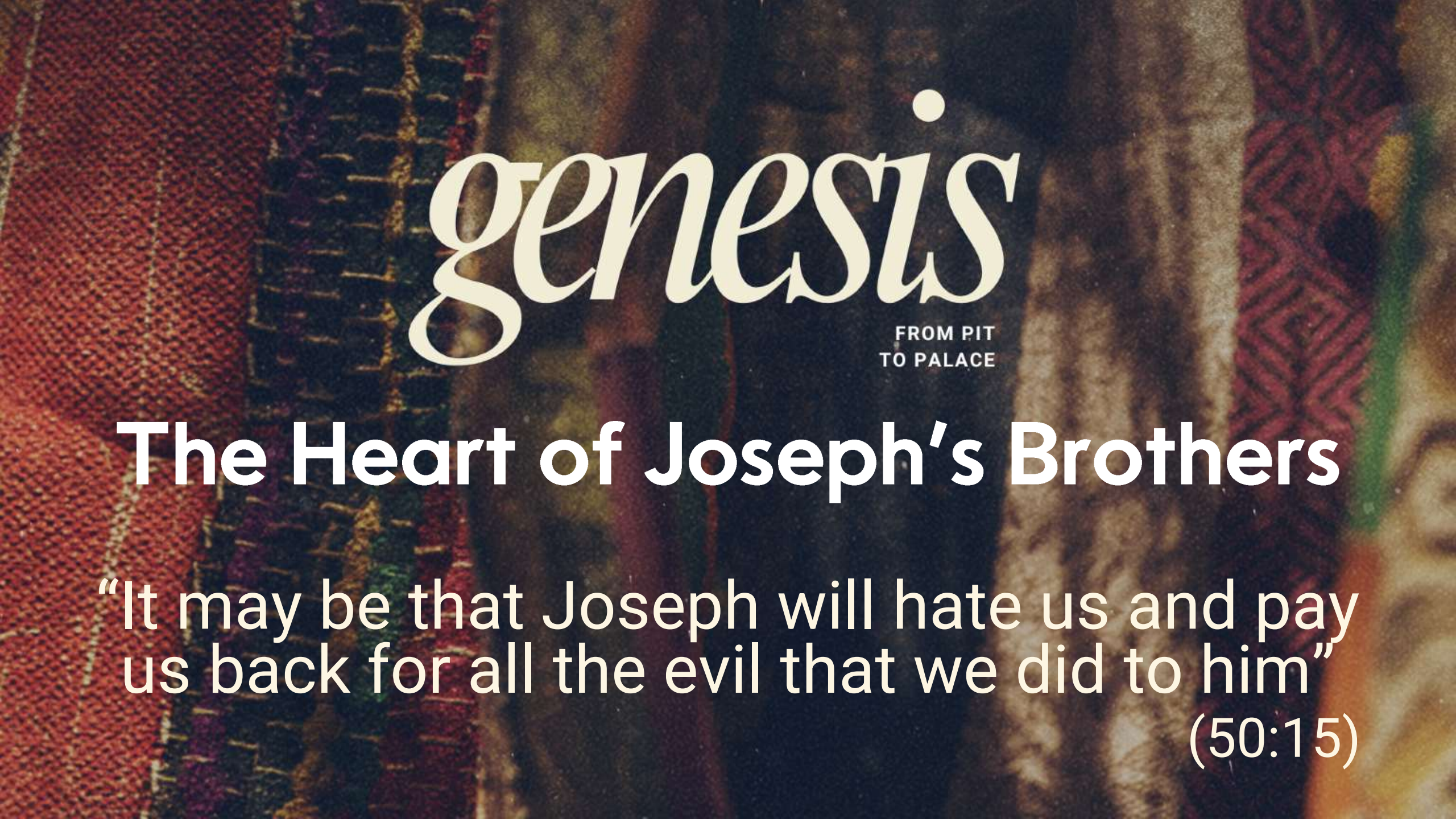
“And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.”

(ESV)

Genesis 50:7-9

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“So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father’s household ... And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company.” (ESV)



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The Heart of Joseph's Brothers

**“It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay
us back for all the evil that we did to him”
(50:15)**

Genesis 45:5

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“And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.”

(ESV)

Genesis 50:15

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“When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, ‘It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.’” (ESV)

Genesis 50:16-17

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“So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, ‘Your father gave this command before he died: ‘Say to Joseph, ‘Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.’ Joseph wept when they spoke to him.” (ESV)

Genesis 50:18

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“His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, ‘Behold, we are your servants.’”
(ESV)

2 Timothy 1:8-9

“... God, who saved us ... not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus.”

(ESV)

Grace at Work

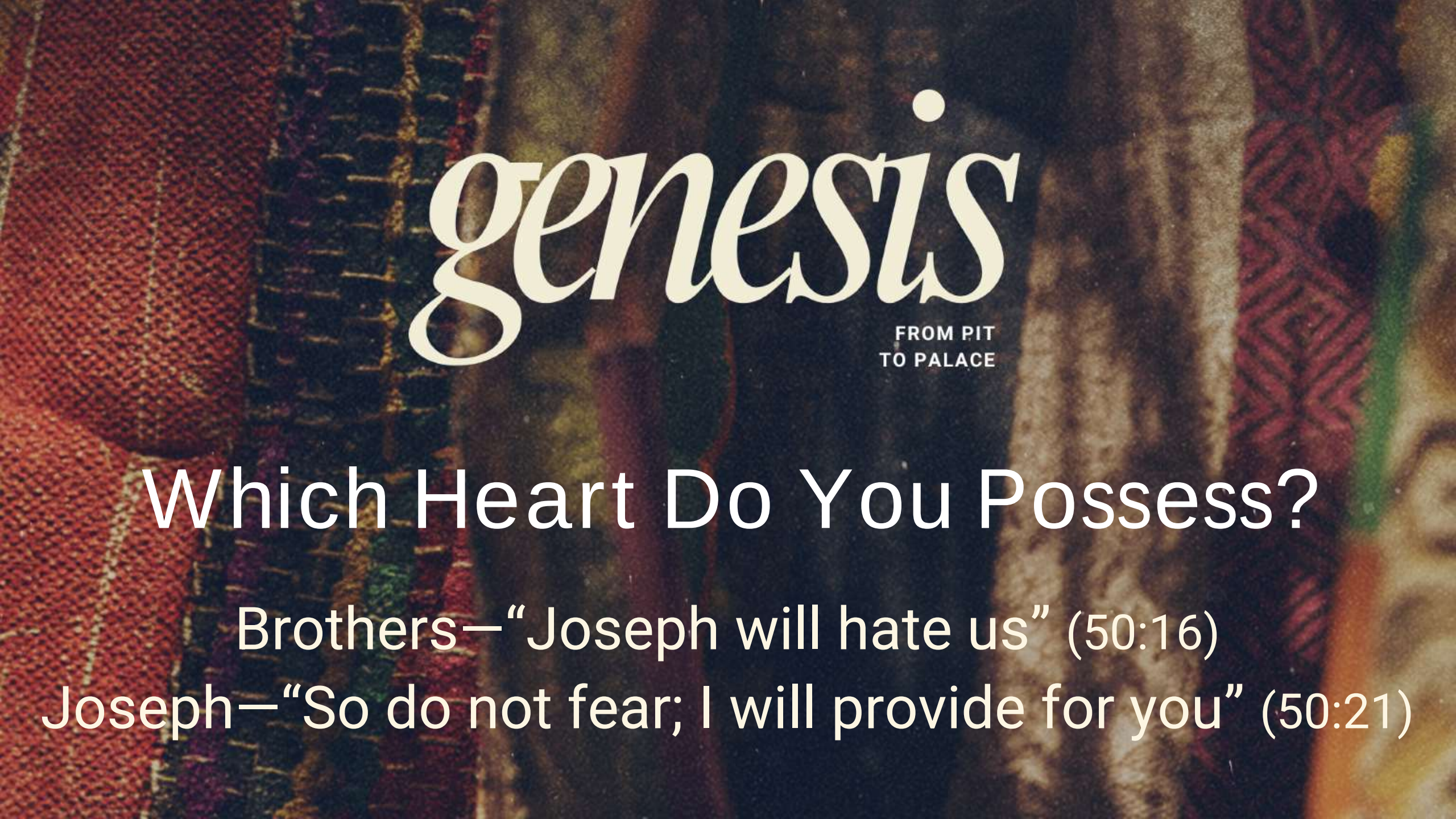
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- Jealousy received forgiveness
- Hatred was overlooked
- Slavery was forgotten
- Jail was disregarded
- Rejection was dismissed
- Undeserved blessing was bestowed.

The Best Part

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God's forgiveness is a free gift. It is an act of grace (not giving you what you deserve, but giving you what you don't deserve), and it is available to all who believe in him, who seek him, and who make him Lord (boss) of their life.



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Which Heart Do You Possess?

Brothers—“Joseph will hate us” (50:16)

Joseph—“So do not fear; I will provide for you” (50:21)

Genesis 50:19-21

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“Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.’ Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.” (ESV)

Romans 12:17, 19

“Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all ...
Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God.” (ESV)

Two Sides of a Tapestry

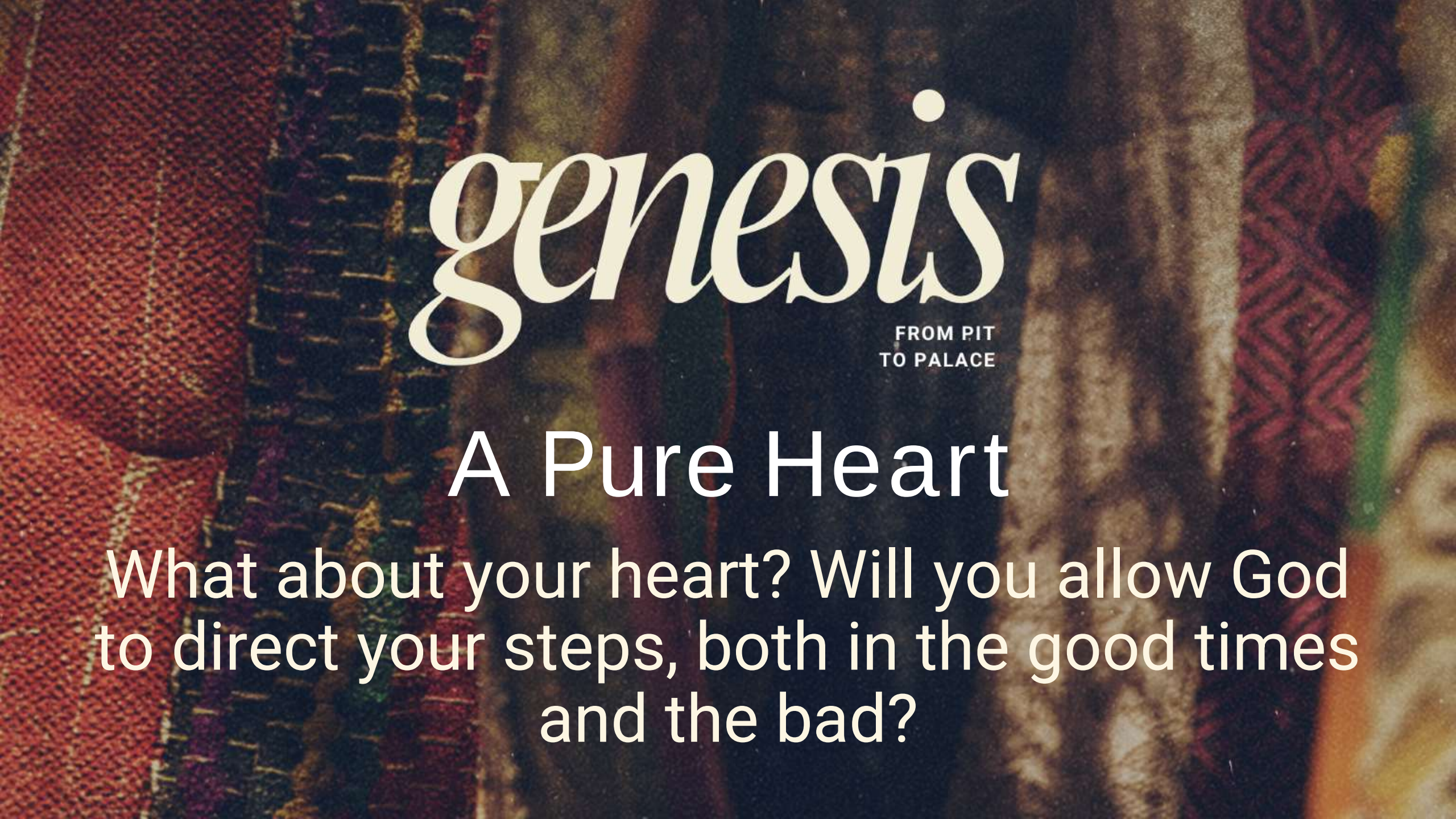
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Genesis 50:24

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“I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” (ESV)



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A Pure Heart

What about your heart? Will you allow God to direct your steps, both in the good times and the bad?

Next steps

- I am thankful for God's grace given through Jesus.
- I will surrender to God's grace and provision in Jesus.
- I will ask God to help me with any bitterness I have in my heart toward others.
- I will be intentional to show grace to _____ this week.