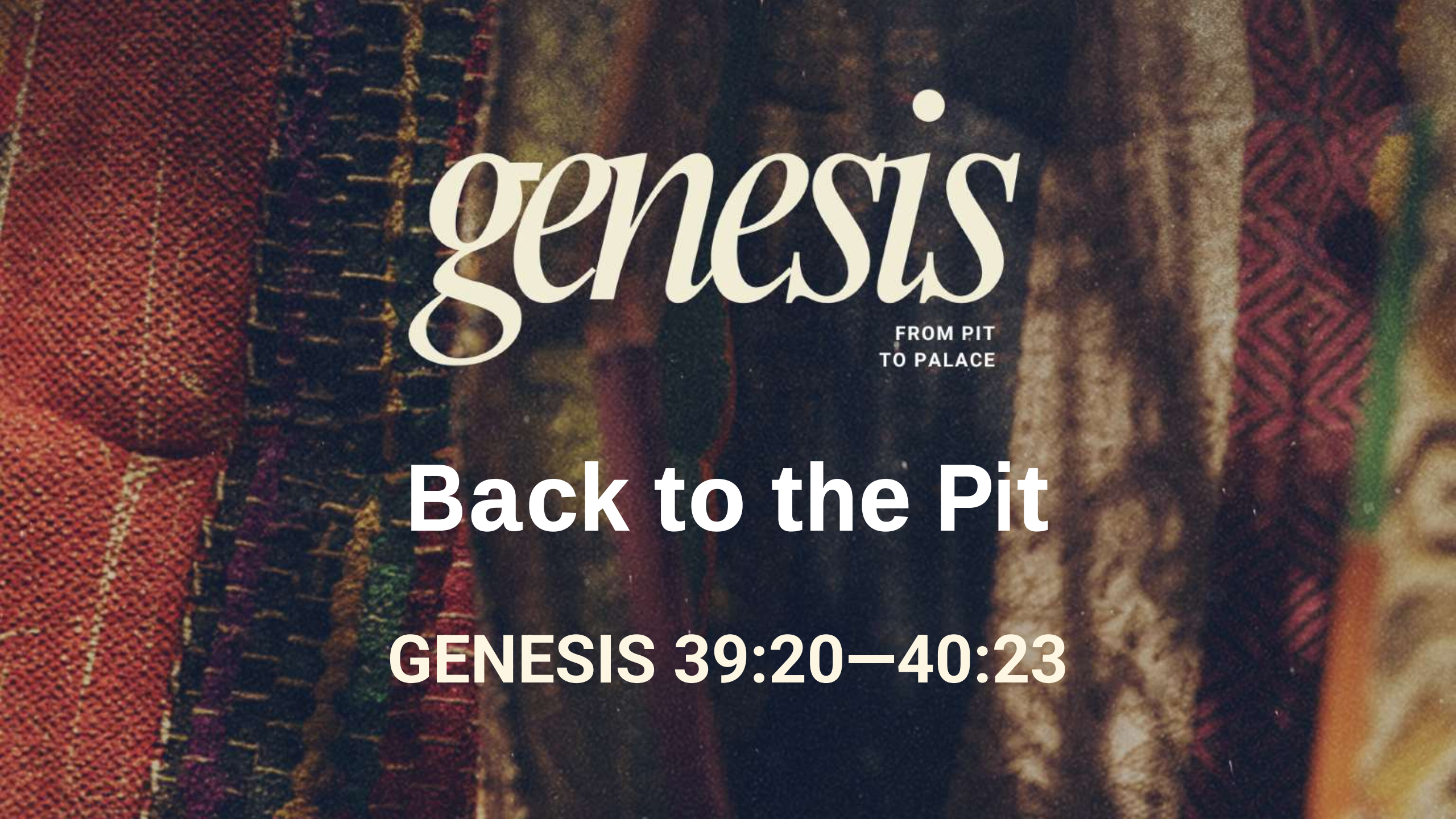




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GENESIS 39:20—40:23

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“And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was ...”

Genesis 39:22—40:2

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“the one who did it. The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph’s charge, because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed. Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief ...”

Genesis 40:2-5

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“baker, and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody. And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream with its own ...”

Genesis 40:5-9

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“interpretation. When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in custody in his master’s house, ‘Why are your faces downcast today?’ They said to him, ‘We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.’ And Joseph said to them, ‘Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.’ So the chief ...”

Genesis 40:9-12

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“cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, ‘In my dream there was a vine before me, and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand.’ Then Joseph said to him ...”

Genesis 40:12-15

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“This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh’s cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. For I was indeed stolen out of the ...”

Genesis 40:15-17

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“land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.’ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, ‘I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head ...’”

Genesis 40:18-20

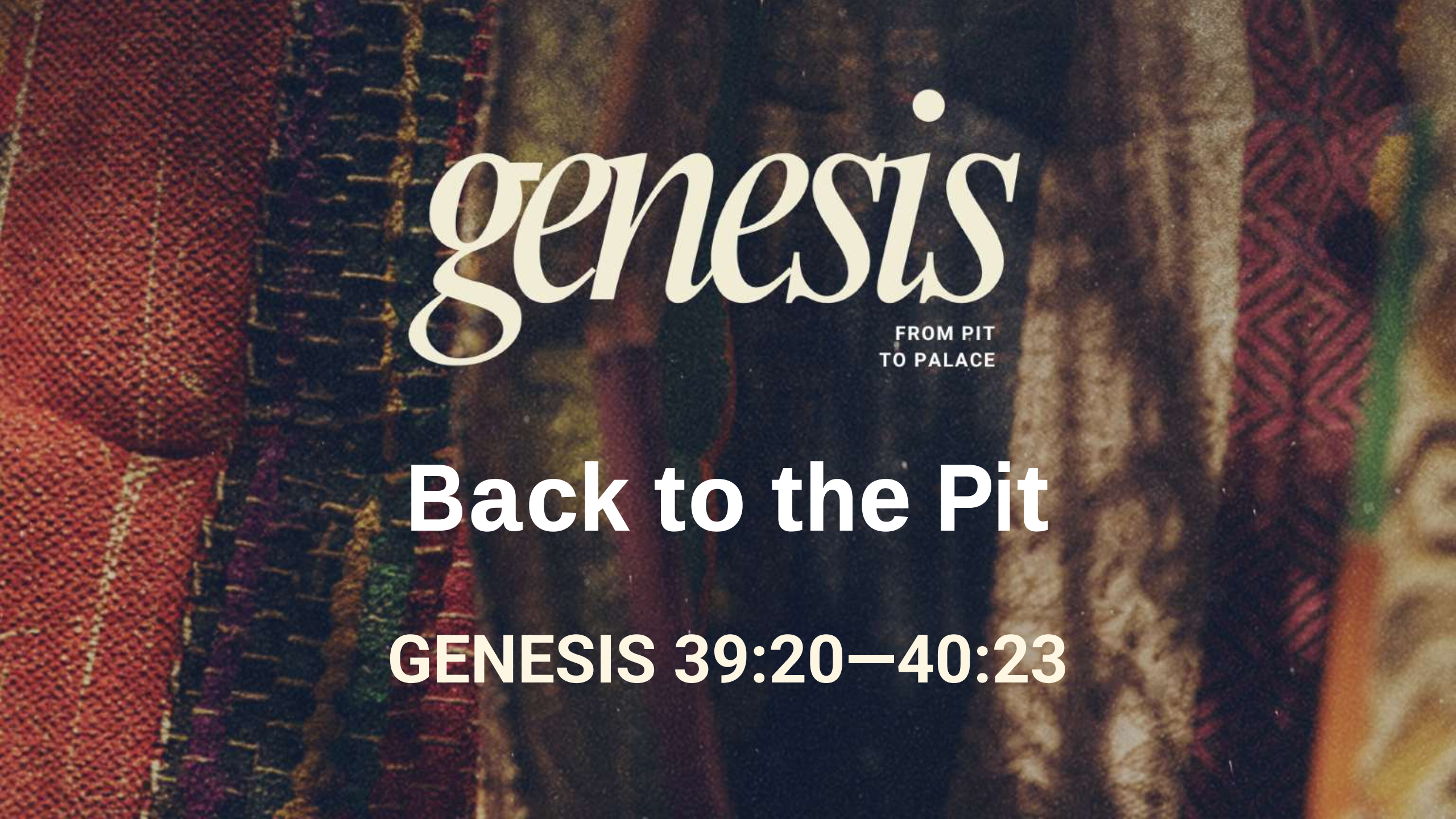
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“And Joseph answered and said, ‘This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.’ On the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his ...”

Genesis 40:20-23

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“servants. He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand. But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.” (ESV)



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Genesis 39:4 & 39:21-22

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- **In Potiphar's House:** "So Joseph found favor in his sight ... and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had."
- **In Prison:** "But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And ... put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison." (ESV)

The “God” Factor

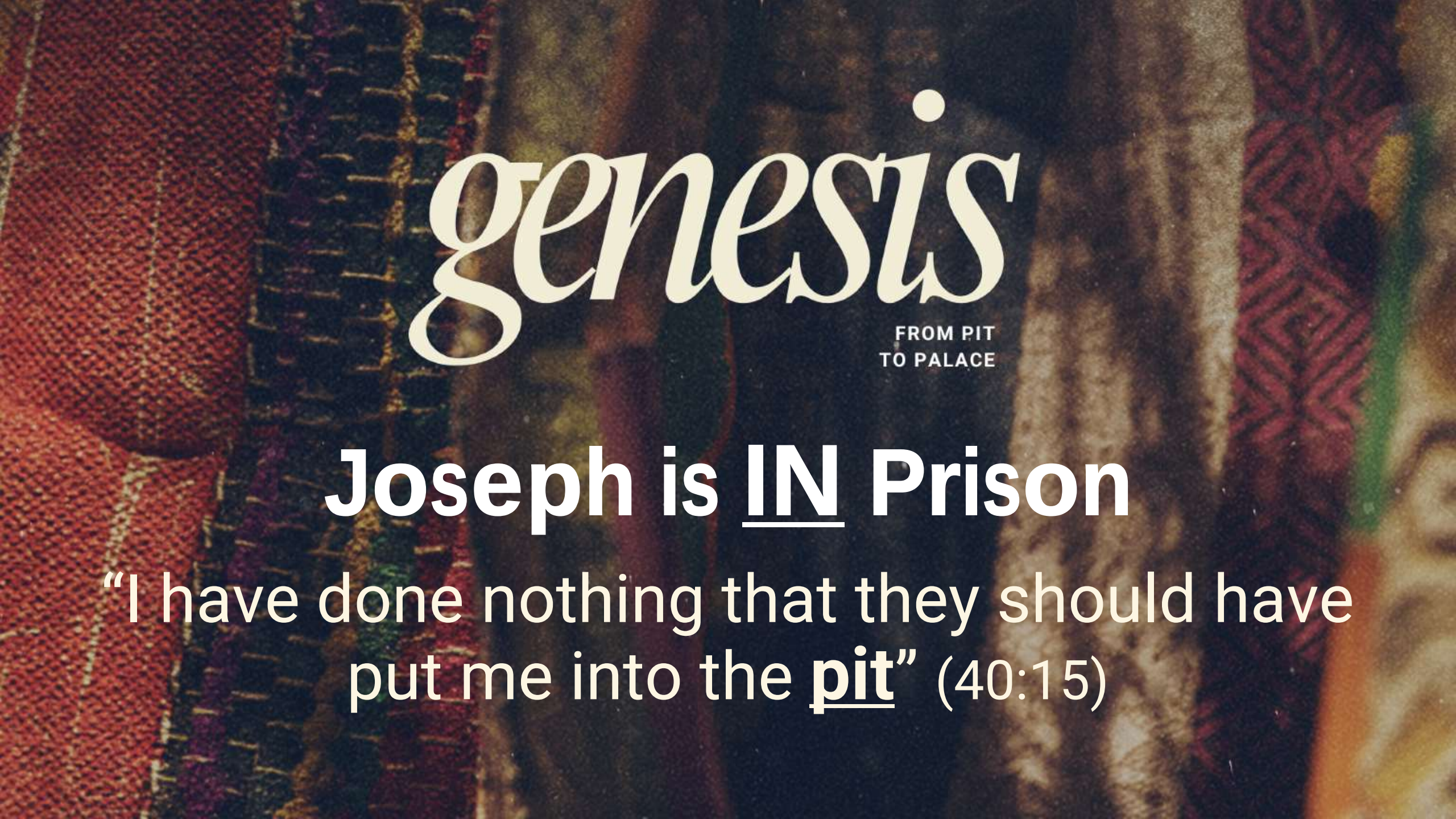
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No one had to guess whether or not Joseph was a man of faith—it was obvious to all.

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Our truthfulness, faithfulness, work-ethic and dependability (or lack thereof) are reflections of the God we serve.



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Joseph is IN Prison

“I have done nothing that they should have
put me into the pit” (40:15)

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Cistern, well. Deep pit with narrow opening.

Psalm 105:16-19

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“When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. **His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron;** until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.” (ESV)

Five Important Words

- “The LORD was with Joseph.” (39:2, ESV)
- “The LORD was with him.” (39:3, ESV)
- “The LORD was with Joseph.” (39:21, ESV)
- “The LORD was with him.” (39:23, ESV)

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Application

Joseph was treated unfairly, but he remains faithful, loyal, and available. Because of this, God will use him in significant and strategic ways.

- Should we expect things to be different for us?

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Joseph is Ministering in Prison

“The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended to them”

(40:4)

Genesis 40:6-7

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“When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. So he asked ... ‘Why are your faces downcast today?’” (ESV)

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It is a sign of spiritual maturity, if when the bottom has dropped out of your life, you can still be used by God to minister to others.



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Joseph is Ministering About God in Prison

“Do not interpretations belong to God?”

(40:8)

Genesis 40:14

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“Remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh.” (ESV)

Genesis 40:23

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“Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.” (ESV)

Genesis 41:1

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“After two whole years ...”

(ESV)

The Problem of Pain

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- “Pain is ‘God’s megaphone.’”
- “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains.”

—C.S. Lewis

Application

- You have two clear choices when you are in the dungeons of life.
 - You can become disillusioned and embittered against God.
 - You can use your difficulty as a platform for putting your hope and trust in the living God who promises to walk beside you and help you.

Romans 8:28

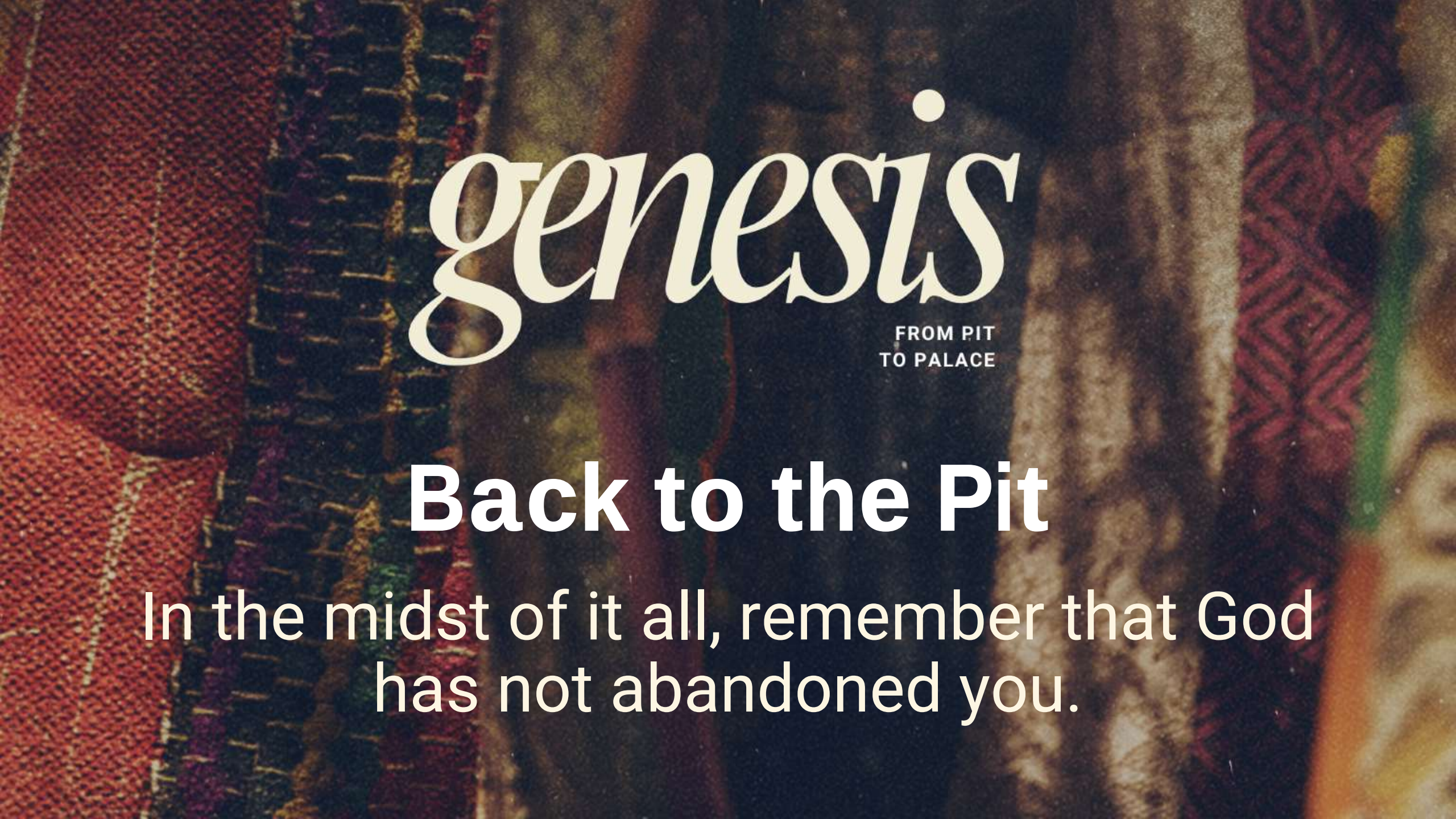
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“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (ESV)

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God, deliver me through my prison of affliction. Help me see beyond the darkness, so that I can see your hand clearly. God, as I am being crushed—remold me. As I am being pressed—reshape me. Help me to see you in and through this time of hardship. God, turn my trial into trust. Use my affliction for your purpose. God, mold me and shape me into what you want me to be. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



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In the midst of it all, remember that God
has not abandoned you.

Next steps

- I am thankful that God is always with me, even in difficult times
- I will ask God to turn my trial into trust
- I will seek opportunities to minister to others, even when I'm facing my own trials