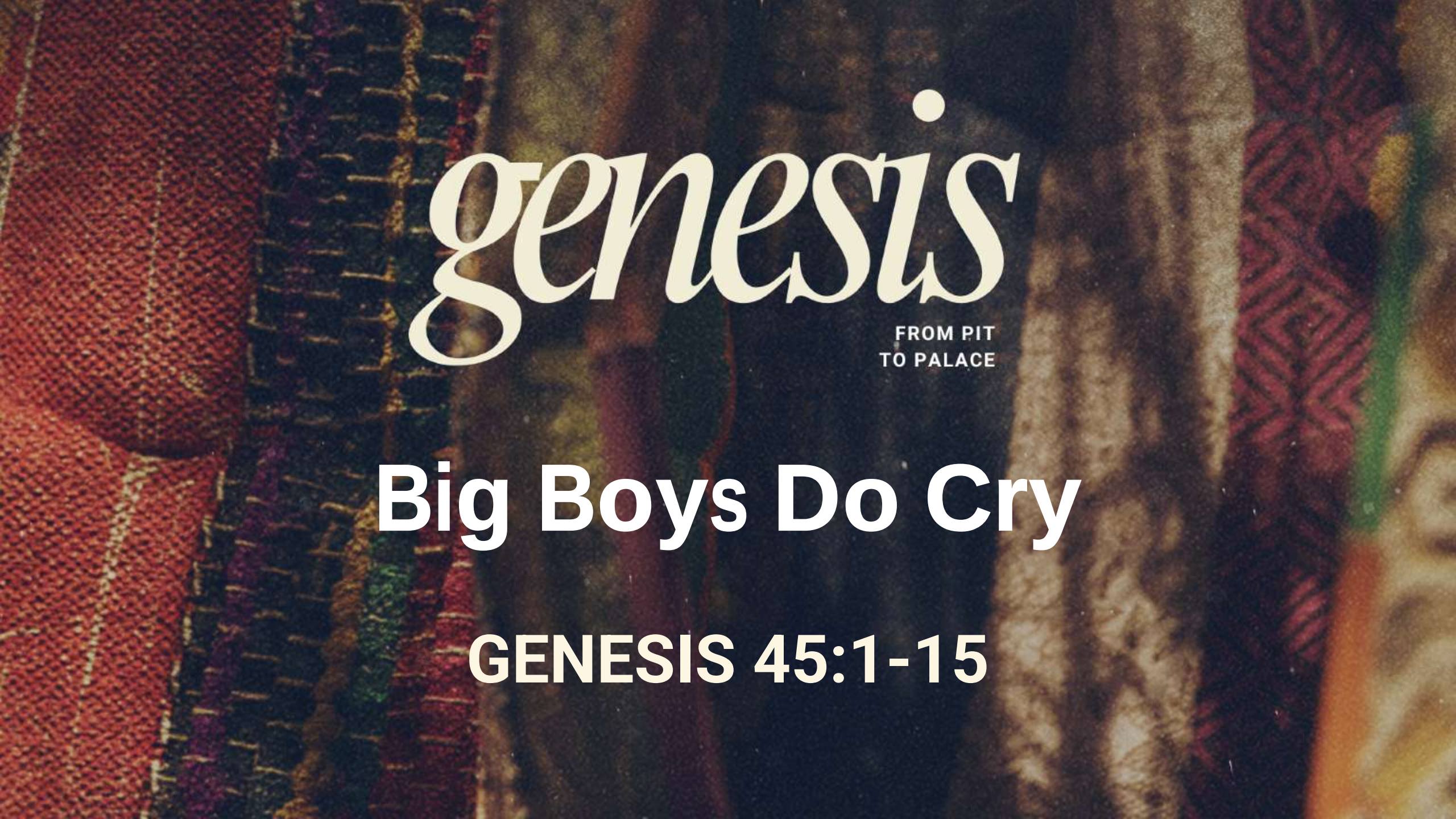




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Big Boys Do Cry

GENESIS 45:1-15

Genesis 45:1-3

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“Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, ‘Make everyone go out from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer ...”

Genesis 45:3-6

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“him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come near to me, please.’ And they came near. And he said, ‘I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in ...’”

Genesis 45:6-9

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“which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has ...’”

Genesis 45:9-12

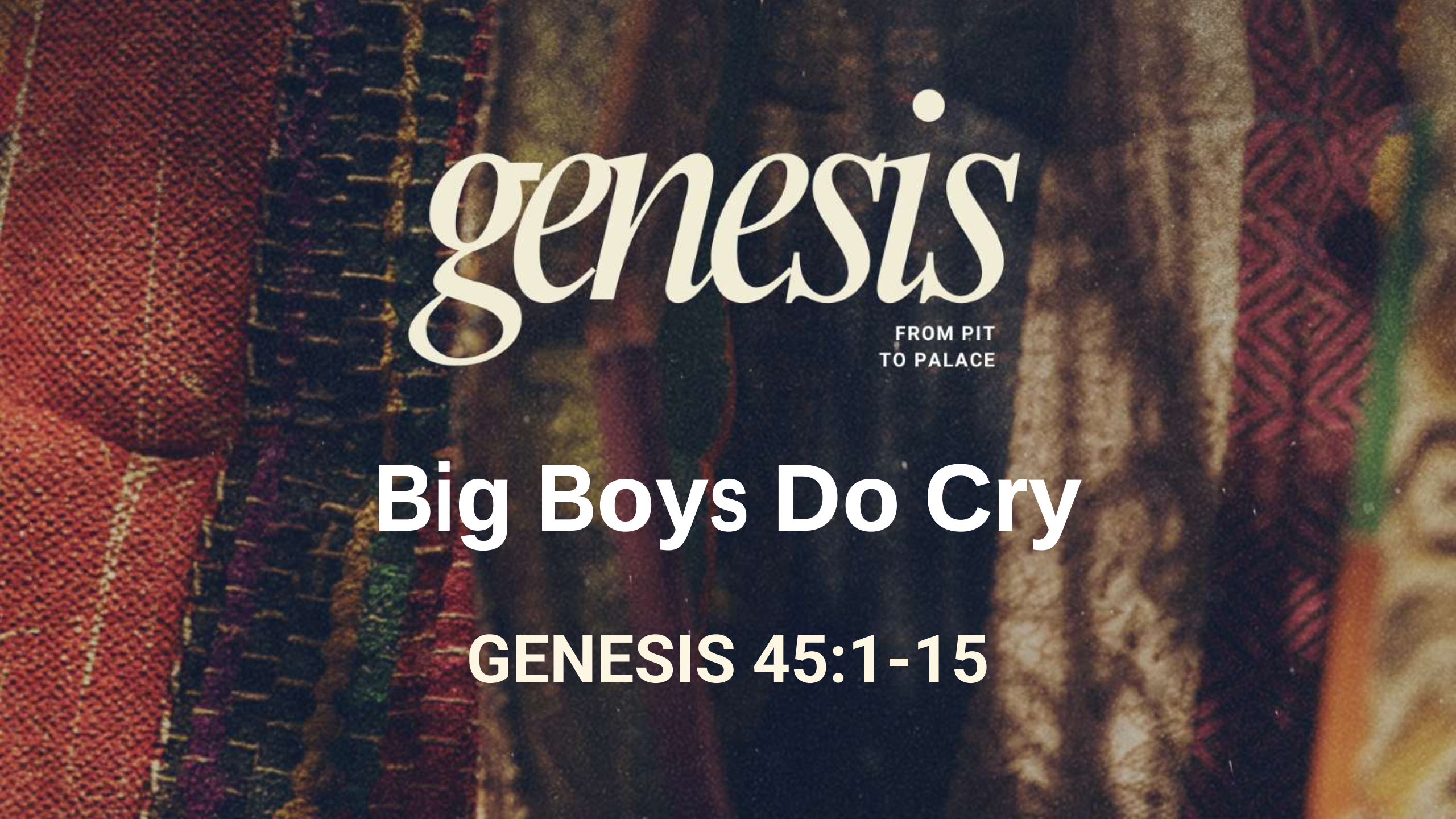
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“made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes see, ...”

Genesis 45:12-15

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“and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.” (ESV)



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GENESIS 45:1-15

Joseph cries on several occasions

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- **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, 10**—When his father dies (again in Goshen)
- **50:18**—When his brothers ask for forgiveness



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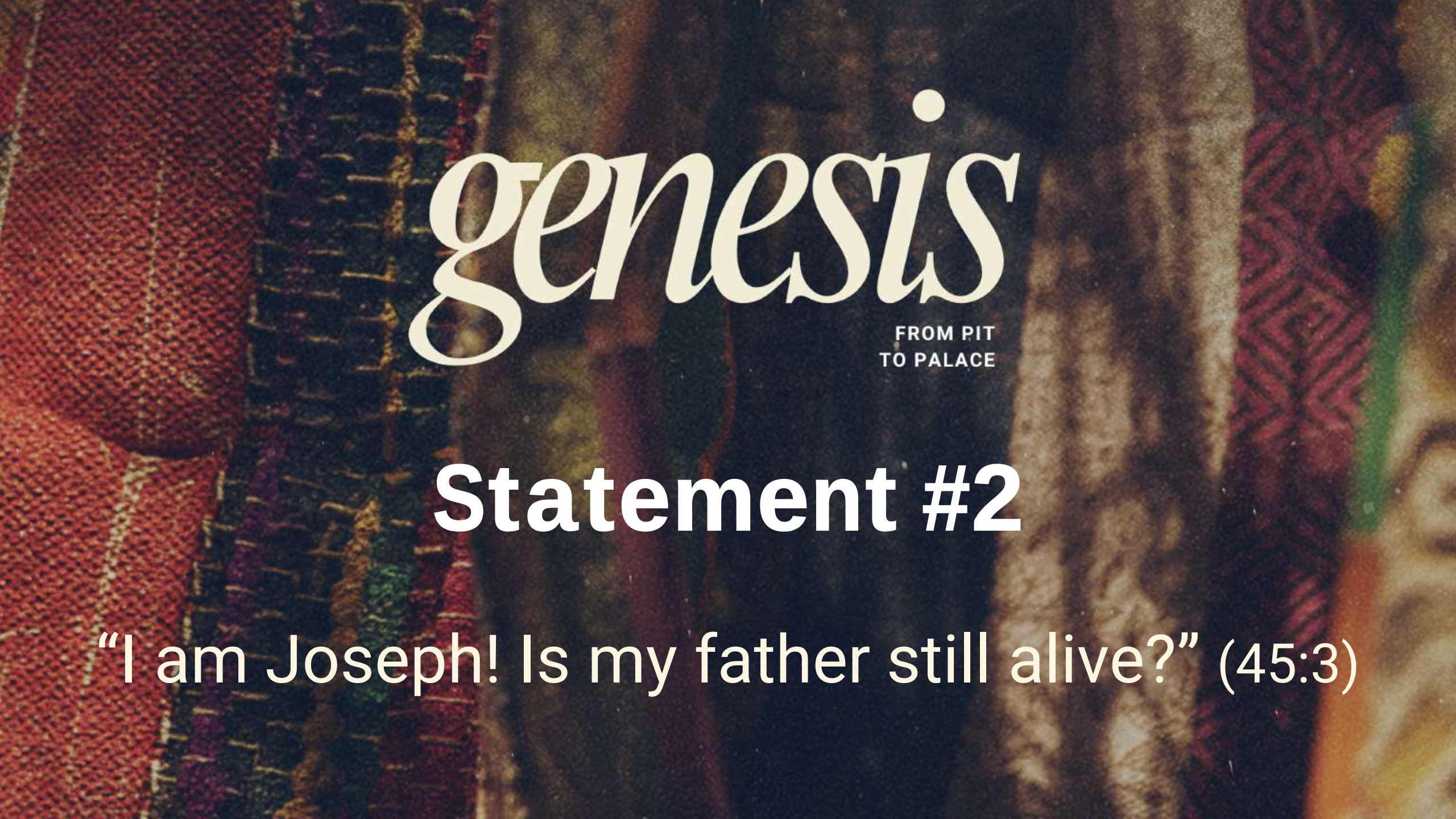
Statement #1

“Make everyone go out from me” (45:1)

Genesis 45:2

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“And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.”
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Statement #2

“I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” (45:3)

Genesis 45:3

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- “They were dismayed at his presence.”
- “**Behala**” (בהל)—horrified, terrified, deeply disturbed



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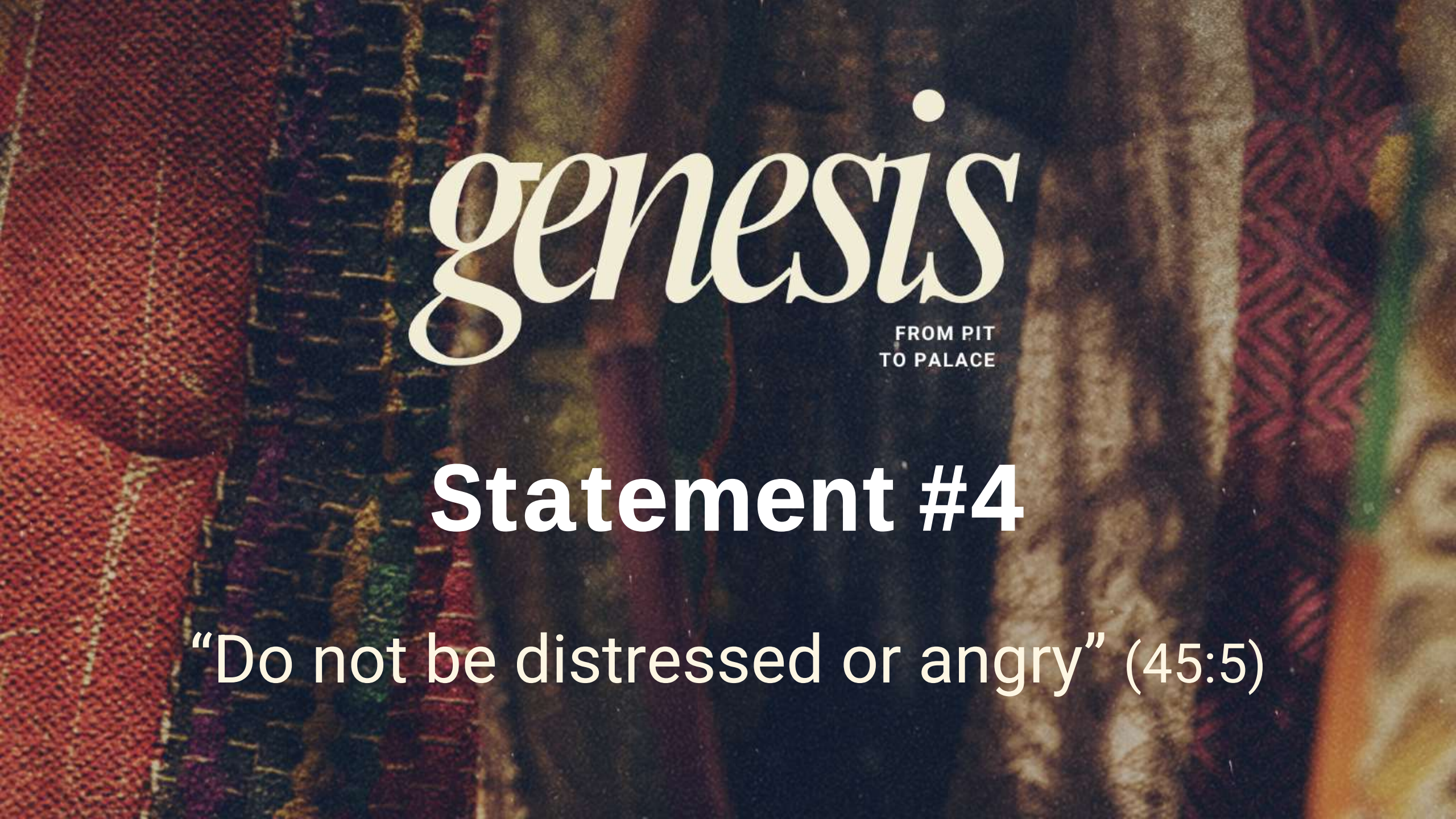
Statement #3

“Come near to me, please” (45:4)

Genesis 17:13-14

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“So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh ... shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.” (ESV)

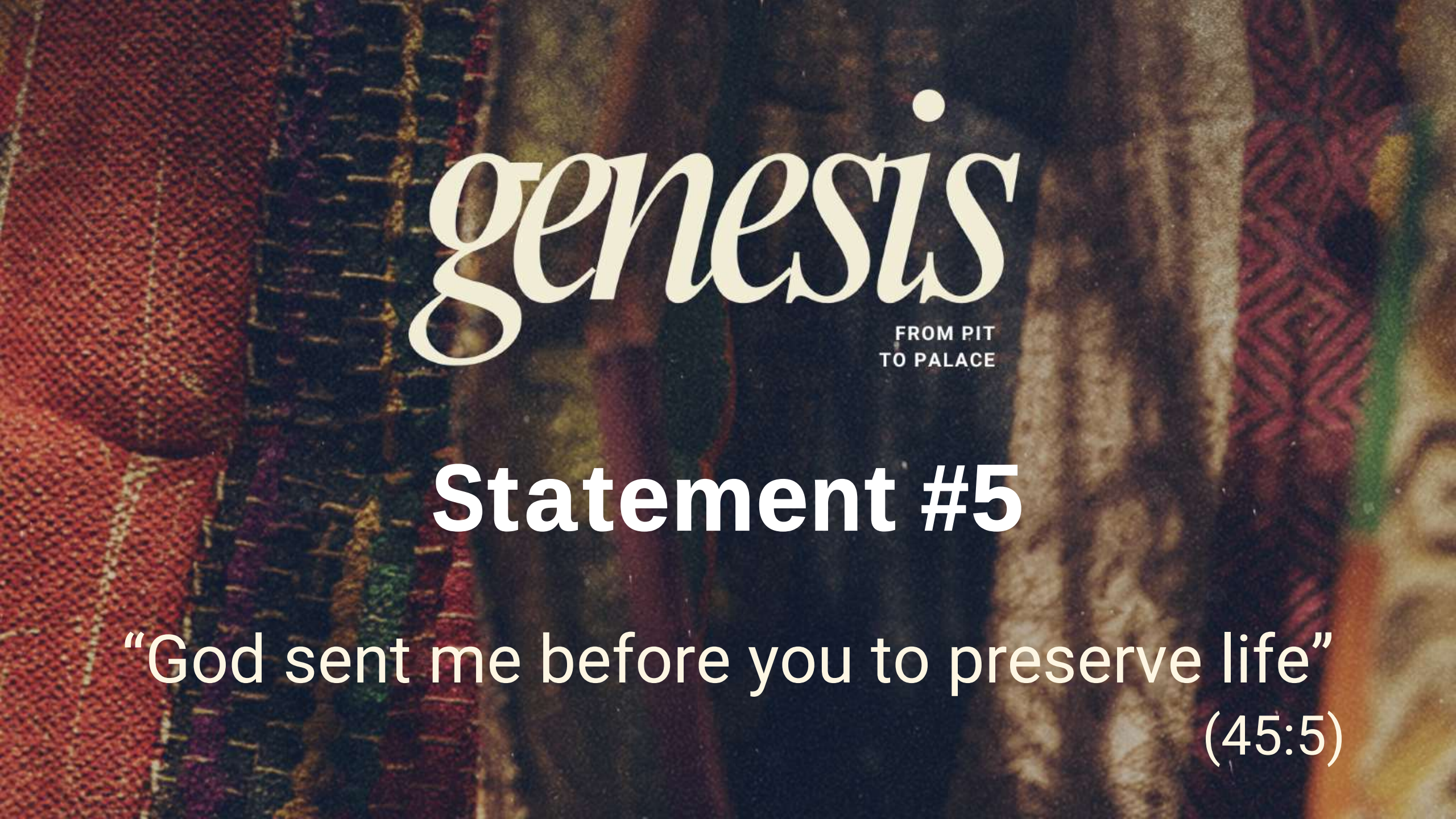


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Statement #4

“Do not be distressed or angry” (45:5)



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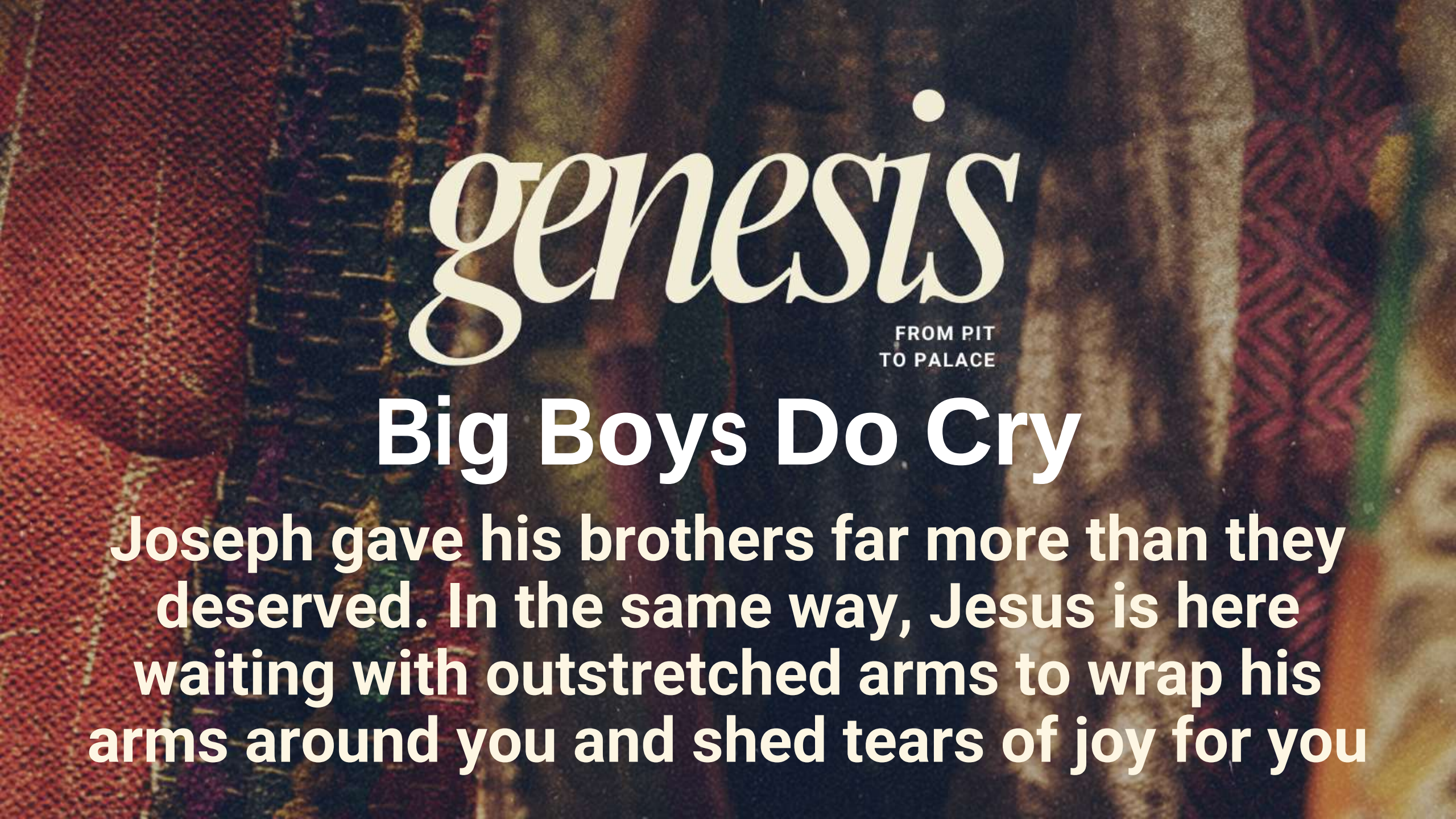
Statement #5

“God sent me before you to preserve life”
(45:5)

Genesis 45:7-8

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“And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God.” (ESV)



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Joseph gave his brothers far more than they deserved. In the same way, Jesus is here waiting with outstretched arms to wrap his arms around you and shed tears of joy for you

Next steps

- I am thankful that Jesus is willing to forgive me and embrace me with open arms.
- I need to extend forgiveness to_____.
- I will repent of and ask for forgiveness for_____.
- I will seek _____'s forgiveness today.