

Discussion Guide

Back to the Pit
July 19, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

We've been working through the life of Joseph together these past few weeks, and this will actually take us through to the end of Genesis in a few months. Last week we looked at how sometimes God will allow temptation but he will also give us strength to overcome. Joseph's actions stemmed directly from his faith – this week our passage shows Joseph's integrity and character. In this passage, we also see how our actions are a reflection of the God we serve. Like Joseph, we should strive to be people of integrity and let our actions reflect our faith.

- Do you dream every night? How often do you remember your dreams?
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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ GENESIS 39:20-40:23 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- Why do you think the Egyptian officials were assigned to Joseph? (vss. 1-4) How does Joseph show concern for them? (vss. 6-8)
 - What does Joseph say about the interpretation of dreams? What does that tell you about Joseph's relationship with God?
 - Why might the cupbearer forget Joseph? How might that impact Joseph? How might he see his own God-given dreams (Genesis 37:5-11)?
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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- Have you ever considered how God can use the trials someone is going through to bless others? Has there been a time someone has ministered to you in this way?
 - How often do you recognize you are in a position to minister to others? Do you respond faithfully or struggle to follow through with what God is calling you to do?
 - How can you see God molding and shaping you in your current season of life, whether through trials or good situations?
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KEY VERSE:

Romans 8:28

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

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.

