## FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE (#5 OF 18) (THE STORY OF JOSEPH)

Genesis 37-50

Last Week: Abraham Gen. 12-25

Today: Joseph Gen. 37-50 Next week: Moses Exodus – Deut.

Promises Given

Promises Preserved

Promises Fulfilled

- 1. Great nation
- 2. Land of Canaan
- 3. All peoples blessed

Gen. 12:1-3

- 1. Deliverance
- 2. Nationhood
- 3. Possession

I. The Pit: God's Providence in our Problems. Gen. 37

Truth: The <u>pit</u> looked like the end, but it was the <u>beginning</u> of God's plan.

II. The <u>Prison</u>: God's <u>Presence</u> in our Trials. Gen. 39-40

Truth: The <u>prison</u> didn't mean that God has abandoned Joseph. Over and over it says "the Lord was <u>with</u> Joseph."

## III. The <u>Palace</u>: God <u>Powerfully</u> Promotes Joseph. Gen. 41-45

Truth: Joseph's promotion wasn't luck. It was the sovereignty of God.

## IV. The Purpose: Even in our Pain God has a Plan. Gen. 46-50

Truth: Family of Abraham was preserved in Egypt setting the stage for something that will happen 450 years later.

Key Passage: Genesis 50:16-21

## Joseph was a Foreshadow of Christ:

- 1. Betrayed by his brothers.
- 2. Unjustly condemned.
- 3. Left for dead, seemingly gone.
- 4. Yet, exalted to a place of authority.
- 5. Offers forgiveness, provision and protection.

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