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sermon outline 1

I. The Pit (Genesis 37:23–25)

- A. “We saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear” (Genesis 42:21).
- B. They hated him and could not speak peaceably to him (Genesis 37: 4).
 - 1. *Unexpected tumble.*
 - 2. *Unfair treatment.*
 - 3. *Uncharted future.*

II. The 50/20 Principle (Genesis 50:20)

- A. “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive” (Genesis 50:20 NASB).
- B. “I know that you can do all things and that no plan of yours can be ruined” (Job 42:2 NCV).
- C. “Our God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes” (Psalm 115:3 NLT).
- D. “When the Lord All-Powerful makes a plan, no one can stop it” (Isaiah 14:27 NCV).
- E. “All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, ‘What do you mean by doing these things?’” (Daniel 4:35 NLT).
- F. “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive” (Genesis 50:20 NASB).

III. The Promise: God will get you through this.

- A. “When you pass *through* the waters, I will be with you; And *through* the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk *through* the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you” (Isaiah 43:2 NKJV).

- B. *"I'll get through this. It won't be painless. It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good. I won't be foolish or naïve, but nor will I despair. With God's help, I know, I will get through this."*

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sermon outline 2

I. Introduction

Illustrate with the story of the Jaspers (the story of J.J. and Cooper Jasper can be seen at www.flameon.net).

II. God was with Joseph.

"The Lord was with Joseph and he was a successful man . . . his master saw that the Lord was with him . . . the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake . . . the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had (Genesis 39:2,3,5).

III. God is with You.

- A. "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?" (Psalm 139:7).
- B. "He is not far from each of us" (Acts 17:27).
- C. "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And [Moses] said to him, "if your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here" (Exodus 33:14–15).
- D. "Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me" (Psalm 51:11).

IV. Make God's Presence your Passion

- A. *Cling to the character of God.*
- B. *Pray your pain out.*
- C. *Lean on God's people.*

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sermon outline 3

I. Introduction

- A. Illustrate with a story about a bad situation made worse by a poor choice.
- B. "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him" (1 Peter 5:8 NKJV).
- C. If Satan cannot destroy you in the pit, he'll come after you in Potiphar's house.

II. Joseph did his best (Genesis 39:2–6)

III. Mrs. Potiphar dangled the bait (Genesis 39:7)

IV. Joseph refused to bite (Genesis 39:8–11)

- A. He placed loyalty above lusts.
- B. He was passionate about pleasing God.
 - 1. "You can trust God, who will not permit you to be tempted more than you can stand. But when you are tempted, he will also give you a way to escape so that you will be able to stand it" (1 Corinthians 10:13 NCV).
 - 2. "Do what is right as a sacrifice to the Lord and trust the Lord" (Psalm 4:5 NCV).

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sermon outline 4

I. Is God only good when the outcome is?

II. God is always good.

- A. "The matter has been decreed by God and he will make these events happen soon" (Genesis 41:32).
- B. "See now that I, I am He, and there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal" (Deuteronomy 32:39, see also Ecclesiastes 7:14, Isaiah 45:7, Lamentations 3:38, Amos 3:6).
- C. "God . . . is the blessed controller of all things, the king over all kings and the master over all masters" (1 Timothy 6:15).

III. God is always good.

- A. Jesus touches your hurt. Jesus uses your hurt. Jesus feels your hurt.
- B. "Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:17).
- C. "Whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for us" (Romans 8:18).

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sermon outline 5

I. Introduction

- A. Luke 15 illustrates how we get some. Sometimes we wander (sheep), sometimes we run (son), but sometimes it's through no fault of our own, but someone else's (coin).
- B. "What woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?" (Luke 15:8).
- C. God wants your whole heart and wants your heart whole. So what does he do?
 - 1. *He lights the lamp of truth*
 - 2. *He sweeps away the filth of pain*
 - 3. *He search carefully until he restores what was taken*

II. Look what the cat dragged in.

So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt (Genesis 42:3 NKJV).

III. Look what Joseph brought up.

- A. Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them (Genesis 42:7 NKJV).
- B. There are few things tougher to handle than old family hurts.

IV. Look what God brought up.

- A. "[God] sent me to free those who have been treated unfairly" (Luke 4:18 NCV).
Peace is God's goal. Forgiveness is God's tool.
- B. "We are truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us" (Genesis 42:21 NKJV).

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sermon outline 6

I. Introduction

- A. "God sent me before you . . ." "It was not you . . . but God"
- B. "God has made me lord of all Egypt" (Genesis 45:5,7–9 NKJV)

II. Joseph saw a bigger picture (Genesis 15:5,13–16)

Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians (Genesis 43:32 NKJV).

III. Look at the picture on the box. (Revelation 7:9–10)

- A. [God] works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will (Ephesians 1:11 NIV).
- B. [Jesus will] reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross (Colossians 1:20 NIV).
- C. All things happen just as he decided long ago (Ephesians 1:11 NLT).
- D. There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord (Proverbs 21:30 NIV).
- E. He rules over the nations (Psalm 22:28 NIV).
- F. He upholds the universe (Hebrews 1:3 ESV).

IV. What Joseph did:

- A. He wept for them (Genesis 45:1)
- B. He called for them (Genesis 45:4)
- C. He cared for them (Genesis 45:18)
- D. Jesus is "the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters" (Romans 8:29 NLT).

V. What Jesus does:

- A. He weeps for you (Matthew 9:36).

- B. He calls for you (Matthew 11:28).
- C. He cares for you (1 John 2:1).