

Sunday 3rd February

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To Be A Transforming
Community Committed
to Jesus Christ

The Pit Test - Study (Dream to Destiny Robert Morris)

1. Can someone recall the story of how Joseph ended up in the pit? **Genesis 37:13-24**
2. Our circumstances can sometimes suddenly change and we can fall into the pit of discouragement. Can anyone recall a time when there was a sudden change in your life when it felt as though you had fallen into a pit?
3. Would anyone like to discuss a time of suffering in light of these two verses

Ps 119:71 *My suffering was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees.* **Romans 8:28**. *We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

4. *"We will remain in the pit as long as we harbour unforgiveness...it is important that we forgive people, but they may need to earn our trust..."* (Story of the Unforgiving Servant Matt 18). Do you agree with this? How has it worked out in your experience?
5. The wound goes deeper when it comes from a friend, someone close to you, even a brother or sister in the Lord. Does anyone **know what this feels like?** (Ps 55:12-14)
6. Whenever we fall into a pit, the 1st person to show up is Satan the *accuser of the Brethren* Rev 12:10. God will never condemn us - condemnation is always of the enemy John 3:17 Romans 8:1. What is the difference between condemnation and conviction?
7. The following verses describe ways in which God uses hardships and pits for our good. Think of a time when this has been true for you? Psalm 107:6, Psalm 120:1 Psalm 118:5-8. Psalm 94:17-19, Psalm 34:17-19.
8. God will not allow our destiny to be fulfilled if our character does not allow us to carry the responsibility of the destiny. Discuss a situation where ungodly character has prevented a person's promotion in the things of God.

9. What are some of the ways God comforts us when we cry out to Him?
10. Whether we're being tested in a pit or not, how can we actively invite the Holy Spirit and God's peace into our lives? John 14:26–27
11. We may be being moulded like clay while enduring the pit test, God brings us through things for a higher purpose. Jeremiah 18:4–6. Share an example of how you have seen this happen.
12. Is anyone here going through a particularly challenging season at present?
- Let's gather around people and pray specifically for their needs