

The Outsiders

Sunday, July 3rd - Dustin Wine

Joseph - How Do I Deal With Pain?

How you respond to pain will determine its effect on your life

Genesis 37:19-20 - 19 When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him. Here comes that dreamer! they said to each other. 20 "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

Genesis 37:23-24 - 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— 24 **and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.**

The pit is full of pain

What pit are you facing?

Genesis 37:25-28 - 25 As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. 26 Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. 28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, **his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.**

God's path seldom looks like the path we expected

Do you trust God's Path?

Genesis 37:31-35 - 31 Then the brothers killed a young goat and dipped Joseph's robe in its blood. 32 They sent the beautiful robe to their father with this message: "Look at what we found. Doesn't this robe belong to your son?" 33 Their father recognized it immediately. "Yes," he said, "it is my son's robe. A wild animal must have eaten him. Joseph has clearly been torn to pieces!" 34 Then Jacob tore his clothes and dressed himself in burlap. He mourned deeply for his son for a long time. 35 His family all tried to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "I will go to my grave mourning for my son," he would say, and then he would weep.

Pain is contagious

Are you pushing people into pits or pulling people out of them?

Genesis 39:1-2 - 1 When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. 2 The Lord was with Joseph.

God is PRESENT in your PAIN

How will you respond?

Don't QUIT if you're in a PIT! KEEP MOVING FORWARD

What pain in my life do I need to trust God with?

Daily Bible Readings

Monday: Genesis 37:1-36

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:1-10

Wednesday: Romans 5:1-11

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Friday: Psalm 121:1-8