

## The Pit Test

When someone finds themselves, "in the pits," it's not a good situation. Erma Bombeck was famous for her book, *If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What am I doing in the Pits?*

If you find your self in the pits, how did you get there?  
Was it your own doing? Was it a circumstance outside your control?  
Have you ever felt some people deserve to be in the tough spot they ended up?

Read Genesis 37:23-24

Why do you think Joseph chose to journey in his special robe?  
What reason do you think his brothers attributed to his choice to wear it?  
Was it a good thing he ended up at the bottom of a pit? Why or why not?

It's easy to say we believe bad things happen for a reason like Joseph's circumstances, but what about the times when it doesn't seem to make any difference? Why is it easier to believe lies when we're stuck in the pits? How are our senses distorted when in a pit?

Joseph's brothers were picnicking at the top while he was in the pit. What do other people seem to be doing while you're in the pits? From what angle or perspective does God view your circumstance when you're in the pits?

Read Psalm 40:1-2

What are you doing while in the pits? What's your response when you're out of the pits? How long does that response last? What difference does it make?

If you are in a pit right now, what can you do to trust God more and allow Him to pull you out?

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## Genesis 37

### Your **Position** in the Pit

### The **Perspective** of the Pit

Rev 12:10

John 3:17

### The **Purpose** of the Pit

Psalm 40:1-2

Jonah 2:1

Ps 34:19