

Northside
FOURSQUARE CHURCH

**From the Pit to
the Promise**

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Main Point: A seed of disappointment can become a tree of divine appointment

LIFE IN THE PIT

Gen 37:6, 7

“Listen to this dream...we were out in a field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine”

Gen 39:9

“Listen, I have had another dream...the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed low before me”

- Joseph was a dreamer: chalam-dream- “be healthy, strong and bind firmly”
- Dreams from God are “Binding Prophetic Words” - in other words, Joseph didn’t just “have a dream,” rather, “the dream had him” (Jack Hayford)

Joseph was rejected by man but he was planted by God

- Joseph was not thrown carelessly into the pit, he was planted there

“Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall” - Gen 49:22

- Every fruitful vine began as a seed planted in a dark place. God uses SEEDS of DISAPPOINTMENT to produce TREES OF APPOINTMENT.

TREE OF APPOINTMENT FROM A SEED OF DIS-APPOINTMENT

From the Pit to Potiphar

Genesis 39: 2-4 “The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal assistant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.” (NLT)

From Potiphar to Prison

Genesis 39:21-23

“But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him His faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.” (NLT)

YOUR GREATEST SETBACK WILL BECOME YOUR GREATEST COMEBACK

From the Prison to Pharaoh

Genesis 41:38b-43

“Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?”— Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command -Only as regards the throne will I be greater than

you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!”-Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Conclusion:

Joseph was planted in a Pit; He was planted in Potiphar's house; He was

planted in Prison and He was
planted in Pharaoh's house.
Everywhere he was PLANTED, he
PROSPERED