

**BETRAYAL – part 1**  
**“THE PIT”**  
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**1. Betrayal Strikes At Crucial Times**

**Genesis 37:3 (NIV)**

*“Now [Jacob] loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him.”*

**2. Betrayal Comes From Those Closest To Us**

**Genesis 37:4 (NIV)**

*“When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them,”*

**3 Types Of People:**

**With You**  
**For You**  
**Use You**

**Genesis 37:4 (NIV)**

*“...they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.”*

**Genesis 37:18-19 (NIV)**

*18 “But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.*

*19 ‘Here comes that dreamer!’ they said to each other.”*

**3. Betrayal Fueled By Jealousy And Envy**

**Genesis 37:23-24 (NIV)**

*23 “So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the richly ornamented robe he was wearing—*

*24 and they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it.”*

**4. Betrayal Can Lead To Total Breakdown Or Breakthrough**

**Don’t Ask ‘Why Me? Ask, ‘What Now?’ – Look Up**

**God Is Preparing You For What He Has Prepared For You**

**Psalm 40:2 (NIV)**

*“He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.”*