

BETRAYAL
“Loyalty”
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Betrayal hurts. And when we fall into the pit of betrayal, we come out with some nasty bruises and residue on our lives. The same thing happened to Joseph. But when Joseph crawled out of the pit of betrayal, he didn't let the residue ruin the rest of his life.

Prosperity

Genesis 39:1-3 (NIV)

1 *“Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt.”*

2 *“The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.”*

3 *“When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did,”*

Psalms 40:1-4 (NIV)

1 *“I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry.”*

2 *“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.”*

3 *“He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.”*

4 *“Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.”*

Opportunity

Genesis 39:4-5 (NIV)

4 *“Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.”*

5 *“From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.”*

Character

Genesis 39:6 (NIV)

6 *“So he left in Joseph's care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.”*

Genesis 39:9-10 (NIV)

9 *“How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”*

10 *“And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.”*

Genesis 39:21 (NIV)

“The LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.”