

TITLE: WAIT

As I think about the story of Joseph, I think about the word WAIT.

*“So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him; and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.” Genesis 37:23-24*

I can only imagine what was going through Joseph’s mind as he gathered himself in the pit. Did he hear his brothers eating? Was he screaming to his brothers to pull him back up? What we can know for sure is Joseph had to wait. He didn’t know what was going to happen.

When it came time for him to be pulled up, I can only imagine the shock, anger, and disappointment he faced.

*“Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.” Genesis 37:28*

What was that journey like for Joseph? Did anyone talk to him? Was he begging them to allow him to return to his family? How long did it take for him to be bought by Potiphar? Was it a few minutes, hours, or days? What we can know for sure is Joseph had to WAIT. He didn’t know what was going to happen.

*“So Joseph’s master took him and put him in jail, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.” Genesis 38:20*

Joseph knew he was innocent. I wonder how many tears he shed? I’m sure he sat and pondered how his life which was once filled with dreams and really nice coat from his father now consisted of a pit, being sold, lied about, and imprisonment.

Again, Joseph was playing the waiting game. How long would he be in prison? Would he die in prison?

We know the rest of the story. But Joseph didn't. WAITING is hard. All of us are WAITING. Will there be a solution to the virus? When will things open up again? When will we get back to our routine? The list goes on and on. WAITING can be tough.

But Joseph reminds us that it's possible. He reminds us how to stay focused even when we wait. He reminds us God is with us during these long difficult days.

WAIT. PRAY. SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE AND NOT THINGS BELOW.

- Benjamin Lee