

**WHO SIGNED ME UP FOR THIS?**

*Genesis 37:18-25*

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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. Genesis 37:23-24

What do you do when you get thrown into the pit?

1. You acknowledge the hurt.

A. Do not pretend it is okay.

B. Do not think it is wrong to hurt.

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

2. You forgive the offender.

A. Forgiveness is for you.

B. Forgiveness is an act of the will.

And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.

Matthew 18:34-35

### 3. You keep trusting God.

#### A. God is sovereign.

Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God. Genesis 45:8

#### B. God has a plan.

And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. Genesis 50:20

"For I know the plans that I have for you, " declares the Lord, " plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. " Jeremiah 29: 11

You were not being picked on, you were being picked out to be a blessing.