

# Plano

July 9, 2023

Redemption Church | CCLI #

Pre-Service	
65:00	<i>Setup &amp; Sound Check</i> 4:00 p.m.
4:56	<b>Praise A</b> Elevation Worship at 127bpm Intro, Inter×2, V1, V2, PC, C1, V3, V4, PC, C2, Inst×2, B×2, C1, C3, Tag, Inst×2, Inter×2, E
5:00	<i>Production Meeting Prayer</i> 5:05 p.m. A timely service guide run down and Prayer.
15:00	<i>Pre-service Music &amp; Power Point</i> 5:10 p.m. A LIVELY Playlist from Computer & Power Point from DropBox
5:00	<i>5 Minute Countdown</i> 5:25 P.M. Via Easy Worship
Service	
5:07	<b>Every Praise C</b> Default Arrangement at 105bpm Intro, C1×3, Inst, C2×2, Tag, C1, Tag, Inst, C2, Tag, C1, Tag
3:00	Greeting - -Welcome -Connection Cards -Love-Grow-Serve-Go
5:22	<b>Glory To God Forever G</b> Default Arrangement at 81bpm Intro, V1, C, Inter, V2, C, B, C×2, B×2, C×2
5:14	<b>A Thousand Hallelujahs Db</b> Brooke Ligertwood at 68bpm Intro, V1, C, V2, C, Inter, B×2, C, Inst, B, C, E
2:00	Scripture Reading 26 SO IN CHRIST JESUS YOU ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH FAITH, 27 FOR ALL OF YOU WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE CLOTHED YOURSELVES WITH CHRIST. 28 THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GENTILE, NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE, NOR IS THERE MALE AND FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS. 29 IF YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED, AND HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE. GALATIANS 3:26-29 (NIV)
6:09	<b>Gratitude B</b> Short MultiTrack Version at 78bpm Intro, V1, V2, C, Vamp, V3, C, Inter, B×3, Inst×3, CBreakdown×2, E
2:00	Offering -Celebrate -Give online

	-Pray
35:00	<b>Message -</b> Long Story Short - Joseph: pit, prison, and palace
7:00	<b>Altar</b>
5:51	<b>O Come To The Altar</b> <b>D</b> Default Arrangement at 140bpm Intro, V1, V2, C, Turn, V3, V4, C×2, Inter, B×2, Breakdown, C×2, Inst, Inter, V5, E
5:12	<b>Goodness Of God</b> <b>G</b> Bethel Music at 60bpm Intro, V1, C, V2, C, B×2, Turn, C×2, Tag, E
1:00	<b>Service Close</b> #1 Next Steps #2 Connect Group -Semester End THANK YOU party for CG Leaders and Hosts - Next Sunday after service. -New Semester - Jesus according to Mark -WE NEED LEADERS AND HOSTS - Sign Up We exist for 4 reasons -Love God -Grow Faith -Serve Others -Go!
<b>Post Service</b>	
10:00	<i>Post-Service Music</i> From Playlist on Computer

# Praise [A, 127 bpm, 4/4]

[Elevation Worship]

Intro, Inter×2, V1, V2, PC, C1, V3, V4, PC, C2, Inst×2, B×2, C1, C3, Tag, Inst×2, Inter×2, E

Praise

## Intro

Interlude(x2)

Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord

## Verse 1

**A**

I'll praise in the valley

**D2** **A**

Praise on the mountain

**E/G#**

I'll praise when I'm sure

**D2** **A**

Praise when I'm doubting

## Verse 2

**A**

I'll praise when outnumbered

**D2** **A**

Praise when surrounded

**E/G#**

Cause praise is the waters

**D** **A**

My enemies drown in

## Pre Chorus

**E**

As long as I'm breathing

**D**

I've got a reason to

## Chorus 1

**F#m D** **A**

Pra ise the Lord

**E**

Oh my soul

**F#m D** **A**

Pra ise the Lord

**E**

Oh my soul

## Verse 3

**A**

I'll praise when I feel it

**D2** **A**

I'll praise when I don't

**Praise** - Intro, Inter×2, V1, V2, PC, C1, V3, V4, PC, C2, Inst×2, B×2, C1, C3, Tag,  
Inst×2, Inter×2, E

**E/G#** **D2**  
I'll praise cause I know  
**A**  
You're still in control

**Verse 4**

**A**  
My praise is a weapon  
**D2** **A**  
It's more than a sound  
**E/G#** **D2**  
My praise is the shout  
**A**  
That brings Jericho down

Pre **Chorus**

**E**  
As long as I'm breathing  
**D**  
I've got a reason to

**Chorus 2**

**F#m D** **A**  
Praise the Lord  
**E**  
Oh my soul  
**F#m D** **A**  
Praise the Lord  
**E**  
Oh my soul  
**F#m**  
I won't be quiet  
**D**  
My God is alive  
**A** **E**  
How could I keep it inside  
**F#m D** **A**  
Praise the Lord  
**E**  
Oh my soul

**Instrumental** (x2)

| **A** |

**Bridge** (x2)

**A**  
I'll praise cause You're sovereign  
**Bm**  
Praise cause You reign  
**C#m**  
Praise cause You rose  
**D**  
And defeated the grave

**Praise** - Intro, Inter×2, V1, V2, PC, C1, V3, V4, PC, C2, Inst×2, B×2, C1, C3, Tag,  
Inst×2, Inter×2, E

**A**

I'll praise cause You're faithful

**Bm**

Praise cause You're true

**C#m**

Praise cause there's nobody

**D**

Greater than You

**Chorus 1**

**F#m D A**

Pra ise the Lord

**E**

Oh my soul

**F#m D A**

Pra ise the Lord

**E**

Oh my soul

**Chorus 3**

**F#m D A**

Pra ise the Lord

**E**

Oh my soul

**F#m D A**

Pra ise the Lord

**E**

Oh my soul

**F#m**

I won't be quiet

**D**

My God is alive

**A E**

How could I keep it inside

**F#m**

I won't be quiet

**D**

My God is alive

**A E**

How could I keep it inside

**Tag**

**F#m**

I won't be quiet

**D**

My God is alive

**A E**

How could I keep it inside

**F#m D A**

Pra ise the Lord

**E**

Oh my soul

**Praise** - Intro, Inter×2, V1, V2, PC, C1, V3, V4, PC, C2, Inst×2, B×2, C1, C3, Tag,  
Inst×2, Inter×2, E

**Instrumental** (x2)

**Interlude** (x2)

Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord

End

# EVERY PRAISE

Intro:Db Bbm Gb Ab Ab/D Db

## chorus

Db Bbm  
Every praise is to our God Every word of worship with one accord

Gb Ab Ab/D Db (Db F Ab Bb)  
Every Praise, every praise is to our God

Db Bbm  
Sing Hallelujah to our God Glory Hallelujah is due our God

Gb Ab Ab/D Db KEY CHANGE (D F# A B)  
Every Praise, every praise is to our God

D Bm  
Every praise is to our God Every word of worship with one accord

G A A/D D (D F# A B)  
Every Praise, every praise is to our God

D Bm  
Sing Hallelujah to our God Glory Hallelujah is due our God

G A A/D D (D F# A B)  
Every Praise, every praise is to our God

## bridge

(Interlude, Solo, Unison, Parts)

D Bm G Em A  
God my Savior, God my healer, God my deliverer Yes He is, yes He is

## chorus

D Bm  
Every praise is to our God Every word of worship with one accord

G A A/D D (D F# A B)  
Every Praise, every praise is to our God

D Bm  
Sing Hallelujah to our God Glory Hallelujah is due our God

[F# E D C#]

## TAG

G A G/B A/C# [D C# B A ] [REPEAT]  
Every Praise, every praise, Every Praise, every praise

A/D D  
is to our God

{Drums bring us back in to Interlude.. Bridge.. Chorus.. out}

# Glory to God Forever

♩ = 81

Acoustic only

Full Band

G<sup>5</sup> C G D Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup> G D

Verse 1, 2

G/B C<sup>2</sup> G Dsus G/B C<sup>2</sup> G Dsus

*mf*

"Before the world was made, before you spoke it to be - You were the King of Kings, Yes you were, yes you were"  
 "Creator god you gave me breath so I could praise - Your great and matchless name, all my days, all my days"

G/B C<sup>2</sup> G Dsus G/B C<sup>2</sup> G Dsus

"And now you're reigning still, Enthroned above all things - Angels and saints cry out, We join them as we sing"  
 "So let my whole life be a blazing offering - A life that shouts and sings the greatness of the King"

Chorus 1, 2

E Gtr, Synth, Military drum march only

C G D Em<sup>7</sup> C G Dsus

*mf* "Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God Forever"

C G D Em<sup>7</sup> C G Dsus

"Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God Forever"

*D.S. al Fine*

Bridge

C G D Em<sup>7</sup> C G D

*ff* "Take my life and let it be, all for You and for Your glory, Take my life and let it be Yours"

C G D Em<sup>7</sup> C G D

Chorus 3

Acoustic & Synth Only

C G D Em<sup>7</sup> C G Dsus

"Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God Forever"

Full band 8th note  
Slow build

C G D Em<sup>7</sup> C G Dsus

"Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God Forever"

Glory to God Forever (2 of 2)

Chorus 4 Driving 8th Groove

C G D Em7 C G Dsus

38 39 40 41

"Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God Forever"

C G D Em7 C G Dsus

42 43 44 45

"Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God Forever"

Bridge

C G D Em7 C G D

46 47 48 49

"Take my life and let it be, all for You and for Your glory, Take my life and let it be Yours"

C G D Em7 C G D

50 51 52 53

"Take my life and let it be, all for You and for Your glory, Take my life and let it be Yours"

Chorus Out

Acoustic & Synth Only C G D Em7 C ritard G Full Band Dsus

54 55 56 57

"Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God Forever"

# A Thousand Hallelujahs [Db, 68 bpm, 4/4]

[Brooke Ligertwood] by Brooke Ligertwood, Phil Wickham, and Scott Ligertwood

Intro, V1, C, V2, C, Inter, B×2, C, Inst, B, C, E

Intro (x2)

Db/F / Gb6 /| Db / / /|

## Verse 1

Db                      Gb6                      Db  
Who else would rocks cry out to worship?  
Db                      Gb6                      Db  
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?  
GbMa7                      Ab                      Bbm7                      Gb  
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing  
GbMa7                      Ab                      Db  
But this joy is mine

## Chorus

Gb                      Db                      Ab                      Bbm7                      Ab  
With a thousand hallelujahs      We magnify Your name  
Gb                      Db                      Ab                      Bbm7                      Ab  
You alone deserve the glory      The honor and the praise  
Gb                      Ab                      Db Db/F Bbm Ab  
Lord Jesus, This song is forever Yours  
Gb                      Db/F                      Ab                      Db  
A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more

## Verse 2

Db                      Gb6                      Db  
Who else would die for our redemption?  
Db                      Gb6                      Db  
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?  
GbMa7                      Ab                      Bbm7                      Ab                      Gb  
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done  
GbMa7                      Ab                      Db  
But I have eternity to try

## Chorus

Gb                      Db                      Ab                      Bbm7                      Ab  
With a thousand hallelujahs      We magnify Your name  
Gb                      Db                      Ab                      Bbm7                      Ab  
You alone deserve the glory      The honor and the praise  
Gb                      Ab                      Db Db/F Bbm Ab  
Lord Jesus, This song is forever Yours  
Gb                      Db/F                      Ab                      Db  
A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more

## Interlude

Ebm7////|Db2/F////|Gb / Db/Ab Absus|

## Bridge 1

Db                      Ebm7                      Db2/F                      Gb                      Ab6 Absus  
Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb, To the King of hea-ven  
Db                      Ebm7                      Db2/F                      Gb                      Db/Ab Absus  
Praise for He rose, Now He reigns, We will sing for-ev - er

# A Thousand Hallelujahs - Intro, V1, C, V2, C, Inter, Bx2, C, Inst, B, C, E

## Bridge 2

**Bbm** **Ab/C** **Db** **Gb** **Ab6 Absus**  
Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb, To the King of hea-ven  
**Bbm** **Ab/C** **Db** **Gb** **Ab6 Absus / / |**  
Praise for He rose, Now He reigns, We will sing for-ev - er

## Chorus

**Gb** **Db** **Ab** **Bbm7** **Ab**  
With a thousand hallelujahs We magnify Your name  
**Gb** **Db** **Ab** **Bbm7** **Ab**  
You alone deserve the glory The honor and the praise  
**Gb** **Ab** **Db Db/F Bbm** **Ab**  
Lord Jesus, This song is forev er Yours  
**Gb** **Db/F** **Ab** **Db**  
A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more

## Interlude

**Ebm7///|Db2/F///|Gb / Db/Ab Absus|**

## Bridge 1

**Db** **Ebm7** **Db2/F** **Gb** **Db/Ab Ab**  
Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb, To the King of hea ven  
**Bbm** **Ab/C** **Db** **Gb** **Db/Ab Ab / / |**  
Praise for He rose, Now He reigns, We will sing forev er

## Chorus

**Gb** **Db** **Ab** **Bbm7** **Ab**  
With a thousand hallelujahs We magnify Your name  
**Gb** **Db** **Ab** **Bbm7** **Ab**  
You alone deserve the glory The honor and the praise  
**Gb** **Ab** **Db Db/F Bbm** **Ab**  
Lord Jesus, This song is forev er Yours  
**Gb** **Db/F** **Ab** **Db**  
A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more

# Gratitude [B, 78 bpm, 6/8]

[Short MultiTrack Version ] by Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, and Dante Bowe

Intro, V1, V2, C, Vamp, V3, C, Inter, B×3, Inst×3, CBreakdown×2, E

## Intro

B / | / / | G#m7 / | / / | F# / | / / | E / | / /

## Verse 1

B G#m7  
All my words fall short. I got nothing new  
F# E  
How could I express, All my gratitude

## Verse 2

B G#m7  
I could sing these songs, As I often do  
F# E  
But every song must end, And You never do

## Chorus

B F#  
So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again  
E G#m7 F#  
'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
B F#  
I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king  
E G#m7 F#  
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah

## Verse 3

B G#m7  
I've got one response, I've got just one move  
F# E  
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

## Chorus

B F#  
So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again  
E G#m7 F#  
'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
B F#  
I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king  
E G#m7 F#  
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Interlude (x2): B / | / / | Bsus / | / / |

## Bridge 1

B  
Come on my soul, Don't you get shy on me  
Bsus  
Lift up your song, 'Cause you've got a lion  
E/B B  
Inside of those lungs Get up and praise the Lord

# Gratitude - Intro, V1, V2, C, Vamp, V3, C, Inter, B×3, Inst×3, CBreakdown×2, E

## Bridge 2

**B**

Come on my soul, Don't you get shy on me

**F#**

Lift up your song, 'Cause you've got a lion

**E**

Inside of those lungs Get up and praise the Lord

**B**

**F#**

## Bridge 3

**B**

Come on my soul, Don't you get shy on me

**F#**

Lift up your song, 'Cause you've got a lion

**E**

Inside of those lungs Get up and praise the Lord

**G#m7 F#**

Instrumental (x3): **E** / | / / | **G#m7** / | **F#sus** / | End on **E**

## Chorus Breakdown (X2)

**B**

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again

**F#m**

**E**

**Em6**

'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**B**

I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king

**F#m**

**E**

**Em6**

Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah

# O Come To The Altar

Key - D

Words and Music by Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye and Mack Brock

## Intro

| D | G | D | G |

## Verse 1

D G D  
Are you hurting and broken with-in  
G Bm G  
Over-whelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling  
D G D  
Have you come to the end of your-self  
G Bm G  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

## Chorus

D Em  
O come to the altar  
Bm G  
The Father's arms are open wide  
D Em  
Forgiveness was bought with  
Bm G D  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

## Instrumental 1

| D | G | D | G |

## Verse 2

D G D  
Leave be-hind your regrets and mis-takes  
G Bm G  
Come to-day there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling  
D G D  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
G Bm G  
From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling

O Come To The Altar - 2

*Instrumental 2*

| D | | Bm | | G | |

*Bridge*

Oh what a Savior isn't he wonderful

Sing alle-luia Christ is risen

Bow down be-fore him for he is Lord of all

Sing alle-luia Christ is risen

*Instrumental 3*

||: D | Em | Bm | G :|| D | | |

*Verse 3*

D Bear your cross as you wait for the crown

Tell the world of the treasure you've found

*Ending*

| D | G | D | G | D |

# O Come To The Altar [D, 140 bpm]

[Default Arrangement] by Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye

Intro, V1, V2, C, Turn, V3, V4, Cx2, Inter, Bx2, Breakdown, Cx2, Inst, Inter, V5, E

## Intro

D / | G / | D / | G /

## Verse 1

D G D  
Are you hurting and broken within  
G Bm7  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
G  
Jesus is calling

## Verse 2

D G D  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
G Bm7  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
G |G  
Jesus is calling

## Chorus

D Em  
O come to the altar  
Bm7 G  
The Father's arms are open wide  
D Em  
Forgiveness was bought with  
Bm7 G D  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

## Turnaround

D / | G / | D / | G / |

## Verse 3

D G D  
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
G Bm7  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
G  
Jesus is calling

## Verse 4

D G D  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
G Bm7  
From the ashes a new life is born  
G  
Jesus is calling

## Chorus (x2)

D Em  
O come to the altar

# O Come To The Altar - Intro, V1, V2, C, Turn, V3, V4, Cx2, Inter, Bx2, Breakdown, Cx2, Inst, Inter, V5, E

**Bm7** **G**  
The Father's arms are open wide  
**D** **Em**  
Forgiveness was bought with  
**Bm7** **G** **D**  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

**Interlude**  
D / | Bm / | G2 /

**Bridge** (x2)  
**Em/D D**  
Oh what a Savior  
**Bm7**  
Isn't He wonderful  
**G2** **D**  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

**Em/D D**  
Bow down before Him  
**Bm7**  
For He is Lord of all  
**G2** **D**  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

## Breakdown

**Chorus** (x2)  
**D** **Em**  
O come to the altar  
**Bm7** **G**  
The Father's arms are open wide  
**D** **Em**  
Forgiveness was bought with  
**Bm7** **G** **D**  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

**Instrumental**  
D / | Em7 / | Bm7 / | / G |  
D / | Em7 / | Bm7 / | / G |  
D / | / / | / / | / /

## Interlude

**Verse 5**  
**D** **G** **D**  
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
**D/C** **D**  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

End  
(D) Dma7 | G G2 | D Dma7

# Goodness Of God

Jenn Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson  
(based on the recording by Jenn Johnson)

Key - G | Tempo - 63 | Time - 4/4

## VERSE 1

I love You Lord oh Your mercy never fails me  
D/F# Em7 C D(4)  
All my days I've been held in Your hands  
Em7 C G D/F# Em7  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head  
C D(4) G  
I will sing of the goodness of God

## CHORUS

C<sup>2</sup> G  
All my life You have been faithful  
C<sup>2</sup> G D(4)  
All my life You have been so so good  
C<sup>2</sup> G D/F# Em7  
With every breath that I am able  
(1.) C<sup>2</sup> D(4) G  
I will sing of the goodness of God  
(2.) C<sup>2</sup> D(4) Em7 (To Tag)  
I will sing of the goodness of God

## VERSE 2

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire  
D/F# Em7 C D(4)  
In darkest night You are close like no other  
Em7 C G D/F# Em7  
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend  
C D(4) G  
I have lived in the goodness of God

## BRIDGE

G/B C<sup>2</sup> D(4) G  
Your goodness is running after it's running after me  
G/B C<sup>2</sup> D(4) G  
Your goodness is running after it's running after me  
G/B C<sup>2</sup> D(4) Em7  
With my life laid down I'm sur - rendered now I give You every - thing  
G/B C<sup>2</sup> D(4) G  
Your goodness is running after it's running after me

# Long Story Short 5 – Joseph and the Pit, Prison, and Palace

## Long Story Short Bumper

## Redemption Church Plano Tx

Welcome back to Redemption Church in Plano Tx. My name is Chris Fluit and I am glad to share the Word of God with you today. I believe God's Word can make a big difference in your life.

## Long Story Short

Last week talked about Abraham and the cutting of the covenant. The story of Abraham is an important development in the long story of the Bible.

The story involved...

- Promise
- Faith
- Personal loss
- And a willingness to offer one's own son

God's commitment to us is greater than our ability to follow Him.

There is a common thread that runs throughout your Bible. Do you know it?

John 5:39 (NIV) You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life.

These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,

**#LONGSTORYSHORT #ALLaboutJESUS**

Today we are going to talk about a character named Joseph, but before we do we need to fill in some history.

## Abraham

## Abraham & Isaac

Isaac had 2 sons – Esau and Jacob. The promise of God went through Jacob.

## Abraham & Isaac & Jacob/Israel

God himself changed Jacob's name to Israel. Israel means to "contend/struggle with God.

## Abraham & Isaac & Jacob/Israel & 12 sons

Israel has 12 sons and they become the 12 tribes of Israel.

One of these 12 sons was named Joseph and he was Israel's favorite son.

Genesis 37:3 (NIV) Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him.

This "ornate robe" is often called "the coat of many colors."

4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph was hated by his brothers.

## Joseph the Dreamer

Joseph had a spiritual gifting from God. He was able to interpret spiritual dreams.

Genesis 37:5-8 (NIV) 5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.”

8 His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Joseph was hated because of his favor with his father, and because of his gifting.

**Some people may hate you because of your relationship with God.**

**Some people may hate you because of your gifting and calling.**

The hatred of his brothers was deadly serious.

Genesis 37:19 (NIV) “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. 20 “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”

“Let’s kill him and throw him in a pit (cistern).”

Genesis 37 21 When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said. 22 “Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this

cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

The eldest brother, Reuben spoke up and rescued Joseph from being killed. Instead Joseph would be thrown into the pit(cistern), and Reuben planned to rescue him later.

## **The Pit**

The favorite son ended up in a pit. He had done nothing wrong.

Life has highs and lows. This was a low place for Joseph. His very own brothers had placed him in a pit.

Genesis 37:23 (NIV) So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— 24 and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

What a sad lonely place a pit is. What thoughts must have been going through Joseph's mind.

Have you ever been in a pit? Hated and left to die?

People will hate you.

- Because of your gifting.
- Because of your relationship with others.
- Because of your relationship with God.

25 As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead...

26 Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him;

after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

Instead of killing their brother in the pit, they lifted him out and sold him into slavery for 20 shekels of silver.

Then the brothers take the fancy ornate robe, the coat of many colors that Israel had given his favorite son. They take that robe and tear it up so that it looked like a ferocious beast had attacked Joseph and they dipped the coat in the blood of a goat.

In a strange reverse, the brothers are trying to use blood to cover their sin, but not as God designed blood covenant.

Israel sees Joseph's robe and weeps...

Genesis 37:35 All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. “No,” he said, “I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.” So his father wept for him.

Joseph is alive, but Israel does not know it. Joseph and Israel are separated.

Joseph ends up in Egypt as a servant to an important man named Potiphar.

## **How would Joseph respond?**

Taken from his father.

Betrayed by his brothers.

No one he could trust.

A slave.

But Joseph had something that had not been taken away. Joseph had the promise of God.

Genesis 39:2 The Lord was with Joseph so that 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, 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. 6 So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Joseph was far from home, but not alone. God was with him, and God blessed him. And God blessed Potiphar.

Joseph becomes the top worker in the house of Potiphar.

Genesis 39: Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, <sup>7</sup> and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

This is bad. Potiphar's wife should only be in bed with Potiphar.

She asks Joseph to come to bed with her.

Sometimes people ask you to do the wrong thing, a dishonest thing.

**MOST TIMES it is easier to do the wrong thing.** What does Joseph do in this situation?

Joseph refuses her. He says, I will remain true to your husband, Potiphar, even if you won't.

Even though Joseph had been betrayed and treated poorly, he chose to do the right thing. Joseph chose to do the more difficult thing.

Potiphar became angry with Joseph. She lies to her husband about Joseph, saying that he tried to come to bed with her but she refused him. Potiphar believed his wife...

Genesis 39:19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. 20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

From the PIT to the PRISON.

## **The Prison**

Joseph was in chains, in prison.

He had done nothing wrong. He had been faithful to Potiphar, but one lie caused him to be arrested.

Joseph is once again betrayed and left to die.

## **How would Joseph respond?**

How would you respond to reoccurring disappointment?

Genesis 39 ...But while Joseph was there in the prison, 21 the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and

granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. 22  
So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in  
the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was  
done there. 23 The warden paid no attention to  
anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with  
Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Joseph had gone from the PIT to the PRISON, but God was still with Him, and blessed him.

God is with us in tough times. God intends for us to rise in tough times.

Joseph became HEAD of Potiphar's house.

Joseph became in charge of the prison.

God intends for us to RISE in our life, even in tough situations. Joseph always became a leader! You are called to be a leader!

Earlier in this story we mentioned a spiritual gifting that Joseph had. Do you remember it?

## **Joseph the Dreamer**

Once again Joseph uses his gifting. In prison there were two prisoners, the Cupbearer and the Baker. These 2 were servants to the pharaoh but had done something to make him so mad that he put them in prison.

Genesis 40:8 "We both had dreams," they answered,  
"but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph  
said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God?  
Tell me your dreams."

Joseph hears the dreams and interprets them.

The news was good for the cupbearer. In 3 days he would be restored to his job as cupbearer to the Pharaoh.

The news was not good for the baker. In 3 days he would be executed by the Pharaoh.

Joseph told the cupbearer this...

Genesis 40:14 But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison.

Remember me... Mention me...

Everything occurred like Joseph predicted. The Baker was executed and the cupbearer restored...

Genesis 40:23 The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

It is disappointing to do good, but be forgotten. And Joseph was forgotten and 2 years go by where he remained in prison.

In Genesis 39 Pharaoh has 2 dreams he can't understand. His magicians, wisemen, and advisors have no idea what the dream means... If only there were someone who could interpret dreams.

The cupbearer speaks up and tells Pharaoh about a prisoner who had interpreted 2 dreams, and Pharaoh sends for Joseph to come interpret the dreams.

The dreams of Pharaoh were very important and God gave Joseph the interpretation instantly.

Joseph said there will be 7 years of abundance followed by 7 years of famine. During the 7 years of abundance Egypt should store up food to have food on hand during the 7 years of famine.

Genesis 41:37 The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. 38 So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find

anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God[a]?”

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.”

Joseph had been in the pit.

Joseph had been in the prison.

Now Joseph was exalted by God to the Palace.

## **The Palace**

God is still with you in the pit.. the prison... and the palace.

God was always with Joseph, and now he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in command over all of Egypt. Pharaoh was greatly blessed because of the leadership and gifting of Joseph.

During the 7 years of famine people came from everywhere to buy food from Egypt.

In the distance, Joseph's family was running out of food. His father, Israel says this...

Genesis 42:2 ...“I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.”

Israel sent the 10 brothers who had secretly thrown Joseph in the pit, to Egypt. And these brothers travel to Egypt and walk right up to Joseph and attempt to buy food from him.

Genesis 38:8 Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him.

These brothers had held Joseph down and stripped him of his coat of many colors. Joseph had been powerless, but now Joseph had all the power as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of Egypt.

Joseph could have had his brothers killed... thrown into a pit... or locked away in prison...

## **How would Joseph respond?**

This is such an important question for us.

Will we forgive, or will we try to get revenge?

Will we love, or hate?

Will we help, or will we hurt?

Joseph secretly causes some problems with the brothers purchase of food. Joseph interrogates them and they said one to another...

Genesis 42:21 They said to one another, "Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come on us."

For all these years, they have been living with the secret shame and guilt of doing harm to Joseph. And the brothers do not know that they are standing in the presence of their lost brother Joseph.

Genesis 45:3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me."  
When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother  
Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not  
be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for  
selling me here, because it was to save lives that God  
sent me ahead of you.

Joseph embraced his brothers and wept.

His brothers returned home and carried the whole family to Egypt. Joseph saw his father Israel again, they wept as they embraced.

What are we supposed to learn from this story?

## **The Pit, The Prison, and The Palace**

Joseph had gone from the Pit, to the Prison, and to the Palace.  
God was faithful the entire time.

God's blessing was on him the entire time.

God's will was done the entire time...

Sometimes we go through hardship because God has a plan to save lives.

Joseph says these words to his brothers.

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God  
intended it for good to accomplish what is now being  
done, the saving of many lives.

Joseph's story shows us that God is still working even when we can't see Him.

We ought to try to be like Joseph.

- Rise above and be a leader.
- Use our gifting.

-Remain true and faithful.

-Forgive others.

But this story offers more than a be like Joseph message. This story is all about Jesus.

## #LONGSTORYSHORT #ALLaboutJESUS

Joseph points us to Jesus. How? Think about this.

-The Father's favored son – Jesus is the Son of God.

-Joseph was hated and betrayed by his brothers – Jesus was betrayed by his own as well.

-They hated Joseph because of his relationship with His father and his gifting – Jesus was hated because of His relationship with His Father in heaven... and because of his power, authority, knowledge, and miracles.

Joseph was thrown into a pit – Jesus was thrown into a pit the night he was betrayed.

Joseph was sold for silver – Jesus was sold for silver.

Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph – Many lied about Jesus.

Joseph was imprisoned – Jesus was imprisoned both physically and spiritually.

Only Joseph could open the interpretation – Only Jesus can open the way to Heaven (open the scroll)

Joseph became ruler of the land – Jesus will become ruler of Earth one day.

Joseph was found in the palace – Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**Musician**

## **TYPE AND SHADOW**

Joseph is a type and shadow. He is a prophetic picture of Jesus. He is an example and an illustration.

We see the use of type and shadow all through out the Old Testament scriptures.

The story of Joseph points directly at the life of Jesus.

## **The Pit, The Prison, and The Palace**

Where are you today?

The pit?

-Are you betrayed?

-Are you depressed?

-lost and confused?

God's blessing can be found in the pit. Come to Jesus today!

The Prison?

-Are you bound? Unhealthy thoughts and habits?

-Are you in spiritual chains?

-Do you feel forgotten?

God's freedom can be found in the prison. Come to Jesus today!

The Palace?

-Do you feel blessed?

-Do you feel like you are doing good?

God has more for you in the palace. He wants to restore brothers and save nations. Come to Jesus today!