

"FROM PIT TO PALACE"

1. Describe a time when you were betrayed by someone close to you. How did you feel? What carried you through? Was there ever reconciliation?

2. Joseph was sold in part to keep his dreams from coming true, yet it was that that set in motion their fulfillment. When has God used what Satan meant for evil to produce good in your life?

3. What in your life makes Satan as angry with you as Joseph's brothers were to him?

4. Discuss the significance of the caravan of Ishmaelites and Midianites passing by at the moment when Joseph's brothers were contemplating what to do with him. Do you think this was mere coincidence or divine intervention? What other "coincidences" do you see in the Joseph story?

5. Reflect on the theme of God's presence and faithfulness in Joseph's journey, despite the hardships he faced. How does this theme resonate with your own experiences of facing difficulties in life?

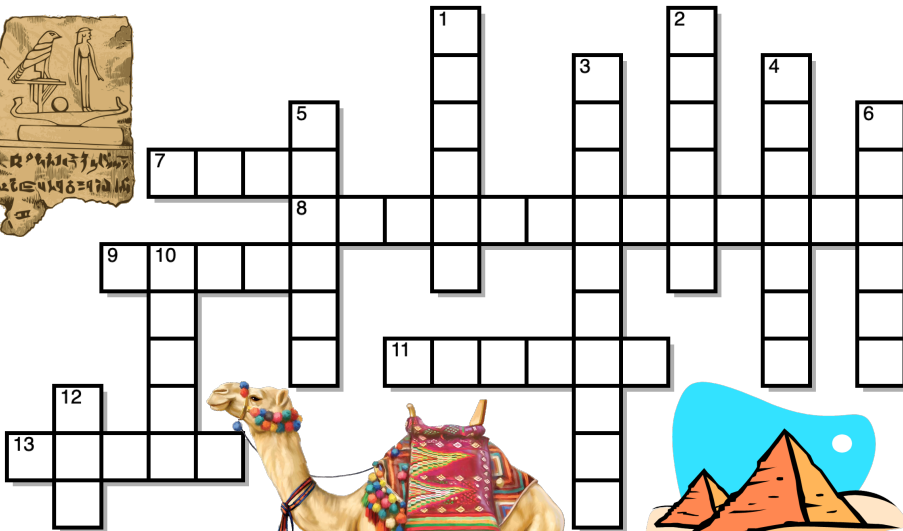
6. Consider the role of camels in ancient trade routes and their significance in Joseph's journey to Egypt. How might the characteristics of camels be symbolic of perseverance and resilience in the face of challenges?

7. Reflect on the irony of Joseph being sold into slavery in Egypt, only to become a key figure in the administration of Pharaoh's household. How does this irony highlight the mysterious ways in which God works to fulfill His purposes?

8. Discuss the impact of Joseph's presence in Potiphar's household and how it foreshadows his future role in Egyptian society. What qualities do you think Joseph possessed that made him stand out even as a slave?

9. Consider the analogy of Joseph being compared to a "horseshoe nail" in God's plan. How does this analogy resonate with your understanding of God's use of ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes?

10. Reflect on the idea of being a "horseshoe nail" in your own life. In what ways do you see yourself as an instrument in God's hands to fulfill His purposes in your sphere of influence?



ACROSS

- 7 Joseph would have seen the Pyramids of _____.
- 8 The caravan went to Egypt along the coast of the Great Sea, known as the _____ Sea.
- 9 Approximately how many hours does it take for a single person to water ten camels?
- 11 Even when I go through the darkest _____, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
- 13 Keep your life free from the love of _____. Be satisfied with what you have, for he himself has said, I will never leave you or abandon you. (Hebrews 13:5)

DOWN

- 1 Where can I go to escape your _____? Where can I flee from your presence? (Psalm 139:7)
- 2 Joseph found his brothers at this place.
- 3 Be strong and _____; don't be terrified or afraid of them. For the LORD your God is the one who will go with you; he will not leave you or abandon you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)
- 4 This famous woman watered ten camels for Abraham's servant.
- 5 These animals were often used in caravans.
- 6 A camel can lift three times as much as a _____.
- 10 A camel can lift twice as much as a _____.
- 12 What family friend accompanied Joseph on his journey to Egypt?



WORD SEARCH:

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| Joseph | Pharaoh |
| Brothers | Royal |
| Rachel | Captain |
| Leah | Camel |
| Jacob | Journey |
| Favored | Pyramids |
| Robe | Sphinx |
| Dreams | Nile |
| Shechem | Amenemhet |
| Dothan | Gilead |
| Caravan | Trade |
| Ishmaelites | Commerce |
| Midianites | Horseshoe |
| Egypt | Nail |
| Slave | Providence |
| Potiphar | Salvation |

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