

# OUT OF THE PIT

## WEEK 7 HOMEWORK

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### DAY 1

1. Read Genesis 42. Jot down the order of events in the story.
2. What mix of feelings do you imagine came over Joseph when he first saw his brothers?
3. Why do you think Joseph chooses to speak harshly to his brothers? Why do you think he tests them the way he does?

### DAY 2

1. Read Genesis 42. Consider Reuben's role in the story. Write down a list of his actions and words.
2. What seems to be motivating Reuben's actions? How does he view his own guilt?
3. Have you ever approached your relationships the way Reuben does? How so?

### DAY 3

1. Read Genesis 43. How does Joseph continue to test his brothers on their second visit?

2. What do you suppose his reasoning is for testing them this way?
3. What does Joseph's response in verse 23 reveal about his view of himself, his brothers, and God?

#### DAY 4

1. Reread Genesis 43. How does Joseph's demeanor shift in this passage?
2. Why do you think it's seeing Benjamin that pushes Joseph over the edge emotionally?
3. Have you ever had a similar experience? What pushed you over the edge and why?

#### DAY 5

1. Read all of Genesis 42 & 43 again. Why do you think Joseph is still waiting to reveal his identity to his brothers?
2. What do you imagine it felt like for Joseph to feast with them without them knowing who he was?
3. Have you ever been in a position to bring good to someone you wanted to harm? Did you do it? Whether you did or didn't, what was the experience like?