**Heart-to-Heart**

**Joseph’s Story:**  
Faith in the God of Good Intentions

**Week 7 | November 08, 2018**

**Question:** When do you start listening to Christmas music and decorating your home for the holidays? What’s the first thing you decorate?

Hebrew 11:22

Genesis 50:24-26

When Joseph was thrown into the well as a teenager, that one incident set his feet securely on a path that I doubt seriously he would have ever chosen for his life.

It doesn’t matter if you fell into a pit, jumped into a pit or got pushed into a pit, God’s solution is the same. God wants you to _______________________________

- Beth Moore, *Get Out of That Pit*

What has God delivered you out of your pit to do?

God delivered Joseph out of the well (pit) to:

- ________________________________ Genesis 39:2-5
- ________________________________ Genesis 39:6-14
- ________________________________ Genesis 39:15-23
- ________________________________ Genesis 40:23; Genesis 41:8-14
- ________________________________ Genesis 41:15-57
- ________________________________ Genesis 41:51-52
Ultimately, God brought Joseph out of the pit to declare that all of the hardships and injustice he had endured was for His ________________ Genesis 50:15-22!

God took Joseph out of the pit to put him in charge of every place where Joseph ended up being, all for God’s good purposes:

1. Joseph was put in charge of ______________________________ Genesis 39:2-5
2. Joseph was put in charge of ______________________________ Genesis 39:20-23
3. Joseph was put in charge of ______________________________ Genesis 41:39-41
4. Joseph was put in charge of ______________________________ Genesis 45:1-8

Will I put my trust in the God who has good on His heart for me, and for His purposes, no matter what my circumstances look like?

Based on Psalm 40:1-5

_________________________ wait patiently for the LORD; He is inclining his ear to you and he hears your cry. He has brought you up out of a horrible pit and is now setting your feet upon a rock as He establishes your steps. He is putting a new song in your mouth—Praise to your God! Many will see it, and will trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the woman who makes the LORD her trust, and does not respect the proud, nor turn to lies. She will declare, “Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; Your thoughts toward me cannot be counted for if I would declare and speak of them, they would be more than can be numbered.”
Further Study:

Beth Moore, *Get Out of That Pit; Straight Talk About God’s Deliverance*

1. Read pages 101-19 in *How to Study Your Bible*.

2. Study Hebrews 11:22-29 using the resources we have been talking about this semester. Remember to pray before you begin! Ask the Father what He wants you to learn from these biblical heroes of faith.

3. Try to add one new element to your study time. Here are some examples:
   a. If you have not been doing word study try to look up the original meaning of 2-3 words in Hebrews 11:22-29. Remember that a good “clue” for words you may want to look up can be reading the verses in different translations and noticing any differences. Biblegateway.com is good for this.
   b. Consider writing down your insights (beyond strict observation of the text) and/or prayers in a journal or even on the back of your handouts/observation sheets. If God gives you a picture or verse, write it down!
   c. Scripture memorization is an invaluable practice. When we commit the Word to memory, we create a sure foundation from which to remember God’s promises, rest in our identity in Christ, and hear the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Consider memorizing Hebrews 11:1-2 (or more!).
   d. Read one commentary article/sermon about these verses to gain additional insight; blueletterbible.com is a great resource for this.

4. Last week we talked about “meditating” on the word after we study (Pray. Study. Meditate.). Choose 1-3 verses from Hebrews 11 (any that we have studied so far) and take time each day to meditate on them even if it’s just for a couple of minutes while you brush your teeth, drive your car, etc. Recalling what you study throughout the day always leads to new and deeper connection with what we read.

5. Focus over the next 2 weeks on bringing your study out of your quiet time and into your present life. Focus more on the prayer and meditation as well as listening for what the Holy Spirit has to say. The purpose of learning the inductive method, as with any method of studying scripture, is to deepen your *relationship* with the Lord. Try not to limit yourself to isolated bursts of academic study lest you gain knowledge alone, which is always useful (!), but can cause you to miss out on the “more” that is available.