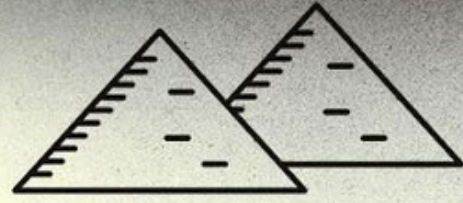


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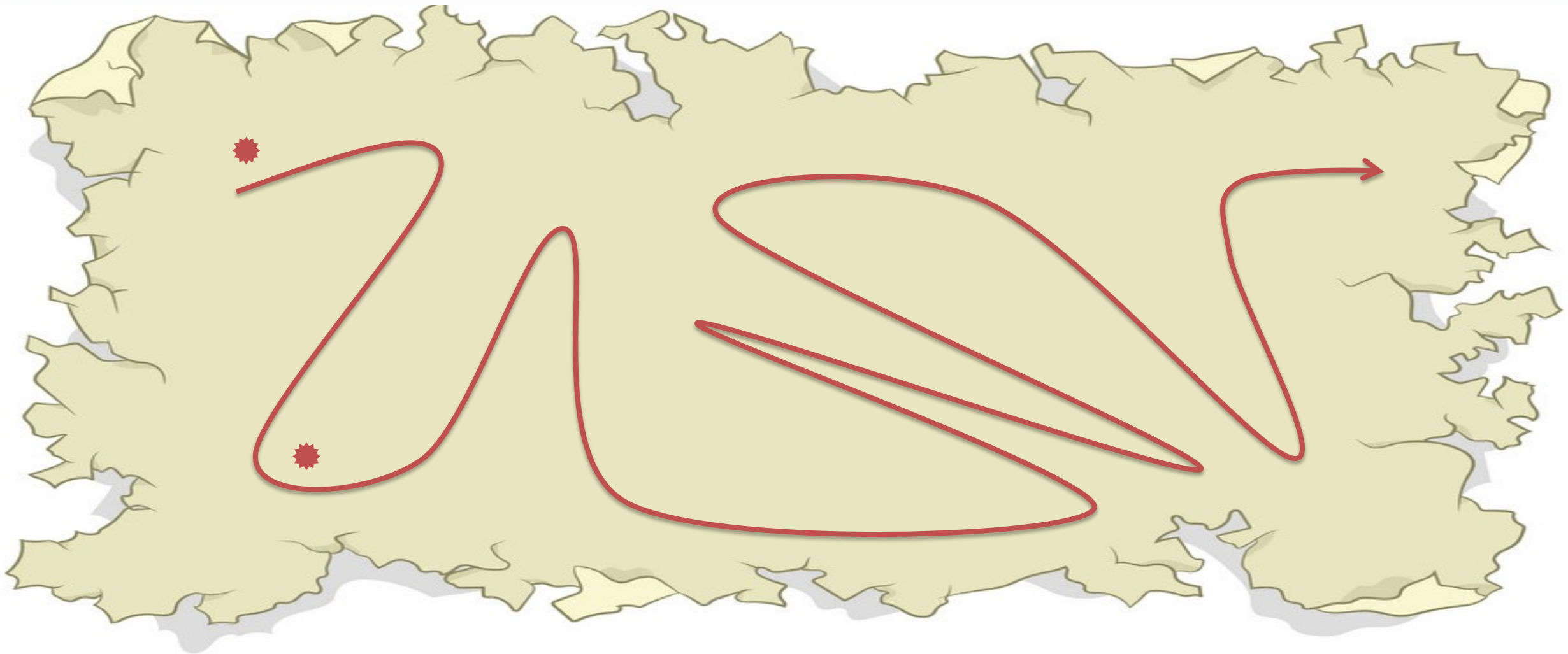
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Chapter 2

The Pit Test



Gen 37:12-17 (ESV)

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel (Jacob) said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵ And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

Gen 37:18-24 (ESV)

¹⁸ They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.” ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” ²² And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colours that he wore. ²⁴ And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

The Pit Test

1. The position of the pit

- What brought you to this position?
- How did you get into this position?
- Did we contribute to our circumstances?

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God, what are you saying to me?

- Joseph had his fathers favour
- Joseph father gave him a gift
- Joseph was proud of his gift and showed it off
- We have our Fathers favour
- Our father has given us a gift
- How many believers show off their gift

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Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)

- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

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Because of his pride he lost his gift

²⁹ For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn.

Romans 11:29 (NLT)

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2. The perspective of the pit

- What is God's perspective on the pit?
- Recognise the accuser when you in the pit!
- God does not condemn us

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John 3:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God **did not** send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Gen 37:31-33 (NLT)

³¹ Then the brothers killed a young goat and dipped Joseph's robe in its blood. ³² They sent the beautiful robe to their father with this message: "Look at what we found. Doesn't this robe belong to your son?"

³³ Their father recognized it immediately. "Yes," he said, "it is my son's robe. A wild animal must have eaten him. Joseph has clearly been torn to pieces!"

The Pit Test

3. The Purpose of the Pit

- What is the purpose of the pit?

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Jonah 2:1-2,6 (NKJ)

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly. ² And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me.

"Out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
And You heard my voice.

I went down to the moorings of the mountains;
The earth with its bars *closed* behind me forever;
Yet You have brought up my life from the pit,
O LORD, my God.

Gen 37:21-22 (NKJ)

²¹ But Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, “Let us not kill him.” ²² And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit which *is* in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him” —that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

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The Story of Christ foretold

Joseph

- Joseph was stripped of his cloak
- Sold for a profit
- Mediante traders bearing spices, balm, and myrrh (NKJV)
- Betrayed by his brother Juda (told to sell him)
- Thrown into a pit

Jesus Christ

- Jesus was stripped of his cloak
- Sold for 30 pieces of silver
- Nicodemus buried Christ , balm and myrrh
- Betrayed by Judas (same Hebrew root word)
- thrown into a pit for us

Psalm 40:2 (NLT)

He lifted me out of the pit of despair,
out of the mud and the mire.
He set my feet on solid ground
and steadied me as I walked along.

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