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Hope in the Hole

Theme: How to Hold on When Life Falls Apart

Scripture: Genesis 37–40

Sticky Statement:

1. Hope Survives When Identity Is Secure (Genesis 37:3-11)

Key Insight: Joseph was a dreamer with a divine revelation.

Joseph's dreams were not just personal ambition but a reflection of his identity in God.

Application: Your identity is rooted in God, not in people's approval.

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2. Hope Grows in the Pit (Genesis 37:18-28)

Key Insight: The pit was a place of transition, not termination.

God uses pits to prepare us for purpose.

Application: Your current struggles are not your permanent address.

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3. Hope Works in the Prison (Genesis 39:20–40:23)

Key Insight: Joseph prospered in prison due to his integrity.

Integrity became Joseph's incubator for influence.

Application: God sees your faithfulness, even in difficult times.

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4. Hope Remembers the Promise (Genesis 40:14, 23)

Key Insight: Joseph was forgotten by man but never by God.

Joseph's delay was divine; his waiting was working.

Application: Your delay is not your denial.

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Closing Thoughts:

Hold on to your hope even when you find yourself in a hole.

Final Sticky Statement:

Call to Action:

If you're in a pit today, remember that God is with you and working for you.

Hold on to hope. Don't let go of your dream. Don't let go of your integrity. Don't let go of your faith.

The pit is not the end of your story—it's just the place where God is writing your next chapter.

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Altar Call:

If you're ready to trust God in the pit, come forward with your brokenness and let the God of Joseph give you hope again. Or, you can stop at the Welcome desk on your way out and



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there will be someone who will guide you through the process of giving your life to Christ and/or becoming a member of Shiloh Church.

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