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5. The pit

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A large silhouette of a person's head in profile, facing left, occupies the right side of the image. Inside the head, there is a scene of a sunset or sunrise with a bird in flight and a tree. Below the sunset, a silhouette of a person is helping another person out of a pit. The background of the entire image is a light, textured pattern of small dots.



God's man in a pit!

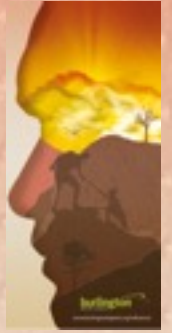
Genesis 37:23-24

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe - the ornate robe he was wearing - and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

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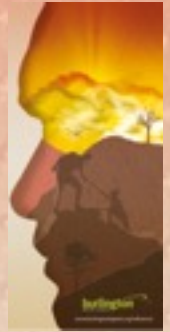
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Does God
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provide
for us?



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When God seems hidden

1. Remember it's normal

Psalm 22:1-2

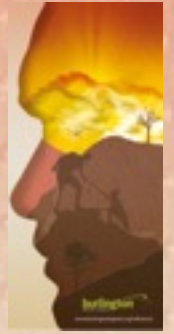
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

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Psalm 42:9

I say to God my Rock,
‘Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?’

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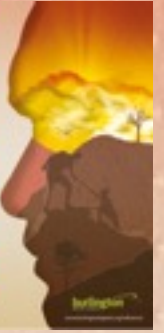
2. Remember the pathway

Exodus 14:11

They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?’

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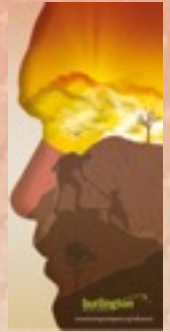
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Ephesians 6:13

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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2. Remember the pathway

Isaiah 43:1-2

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you...

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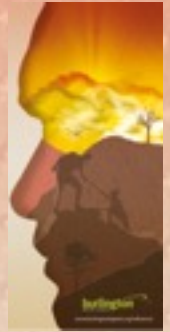
3. Remember God's purpose

Isaiah 45:3

I will give you hidden treasures,
riches stored in secret places,
so that you may know that I am the Lord,
the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

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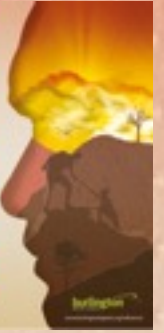
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1 Peter 1:7

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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4. It's not the end!

Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth ...

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4. It's not the end!

Genesis 45:8

So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

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4. It's not the end!

Genesis 50:20

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

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