

# Frogs in a Pit



Isaiah 42:18-20

The world can be discouraging  
If we listen to them.

# *Frog Sermon*

- Over 550 frogs in my collection
- More than 20 “frog sermons”
- 2 frogs in a deep pit – Just give up. No use in trying. You are doomed. There is no escape. It is hopeless.
- One gave up and died. The other got out.

## *Isaiah 42:18-20*

- 18 "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the Lord's servant? 20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear."

# *Noah was in that pit*

- Genesis 6 – 8
- Told to build an ark to float on water
- Told rain was coming
- World scoffed, laughed, scorned
- 8 were saved – 1 Peter 3:20

# *Moses was in that pit*

- Exodus 14
- Red Sea in front of them
- Wilderness on left and right
- Pharaoh and army coming from behind
- All is lost, better to stay in Egypt
- Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.  
(Exodus 14:13)

# *Israel was in that pit*

- Exodus 16
- Come to water - thirsty
- Water is bitter and undrinkable
- Now no food to eat
- God sweetened the water
- God sent manna for them to eat

# *David was in that pit*

- 1 Samuel 17
- Too big, too tall, too strong, we are too weak
- Look at his shield, look at that spear
- David has a slingshot and some stones
- “Is there not a cause?”

# *Have you been in that pit?*

- Discouraged, told it won't work, can't be done
- It is impossible, why even try, it won't work
- Are you listening to them?
- Learn to be deaf to the naysayers.
- Zig Ziglar – Training fleas in a jar.



# *Have you been a naysayer?*

- The world is full of negatives. We don't need more “Negative Nellies.”
- We need more like Barnabas – the Son of Encouragement
- We can be a Barnabas to others