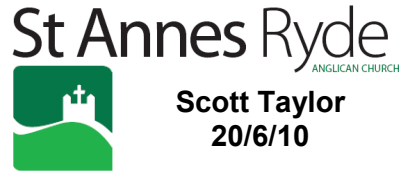


Joseph:
Beyond the Technicolour Coat #5

Joseph the Interpreter

Genesis 41:1-40



I. JOSEPH'S NIGHTMARE (40:23)

Genesis 40:23 'The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him'

QUESTION: If God is with Joseph why is he suffering in prison?

II. PHAROAH'S DREAM (vs. 1-13)

✘ Pharaoh's Dream Team...

▶ ENTER the cupbearer

✓ God's Dream Team...

GOD'S SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS 'The LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son' (Hebrews 12:6; Prov 3:12)
'suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.' (Romans 5:3b-4)

III. GOD'S MAN (vs. 14-32)

God's Dream Team...Unlocking the riddle of the cows and the corn

Joseph remembered God, and more importantly God remembered Joseph. Unlike the forgetful cupbearer it becomes clear that the LORD did remember Joseph; he did not forget him.

IV. GOD'S PLAN (vs. 33-40)

Final thoughts...

- ▶ There is purpose in pain and hardship. God refines his children and builds their character for the future.
- ▶ Learn to trust God and his promises in the Bible in the hard places and apply those lessons in the present.
- ▶ God has a plan for his people and **Jesus** is at the heart of it. **Seek him today!** 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **Then** you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and will bring you back from captivity.' (Jeremiah 29:11-14)