

Journey from Tragedy to Triumph

TEXT: (Genesis 40:1-8) When Life Seems Like a Prison

Introduction: Joseph's journey has taken him from the pit to prosperity to prison.

I. Joseph's Attitude (40:1-8) Galatians 6:9; this episode tells us a lot about Joseph:

A. First, he cared for and ministered to other prisoners. Philippians 2:4;

B. Joseph expressed open concern - Genesis 40:8; 1 Peter 5:6;

II. Joseph's Activity (40:9-19)

A. Joseph interprets the butlers dream - Genesis 40:12-13;

B. Joseph explains the Bakers dream - Genesis 40:18-19; 2 Timothy 4:2; Philippians 1:9;

III. Joseph's Abandonment (Genesis 40:20-23) there are at least four things that got Joseph through his prison experience and can get us through ours.

A. First is patience - Galatians 5:22; Acts 18:21; James 4:15; Psalms 27:14;

B. Second was peace - Philippians 4:7; Philippians 4:6;

C. Third, preoccupation with the well-being of others - Proverbs 11:25;

D. Finally, though not recorded in this chapter, Joseph's patience, peace, and pre-occupation with others could have only been the result of prayer - Jeremiah 33:3;

Conclusion:

Joseph's Attitude, GOD'S WILL

Joseph's Activity, OTHERS

Joseph's Abandonment – GOD IS STILL HERE!