

"THE HEART OF A SERVANT LEADER"

1. What recurrent dreams do you have? What "believe-it-or-not" dream have you had? Which of your dreams illumine the past? Which reveal the future?

2. Why do you think Joseph winds up in prison with officials of the Egyptian government?

3. How does Joseph show concern for the cupbearer and the baker (vv.6-8)? Does Joseph's reference to God ring true? Is that a force of pious habit or trained mind? Or is he being opportunistic, intrusive or worse? Why do you think so?

4. As dream interpretations belong to God, and as Joseph invites others to tell him their dreams, what does that tell you about Joseph's abilities (see v.16)? About his relationship with God? About God's hidden language? About the value of keeping a dream journal?

5. What impresses you most about the two dreams, their interpretation and fulfillment?

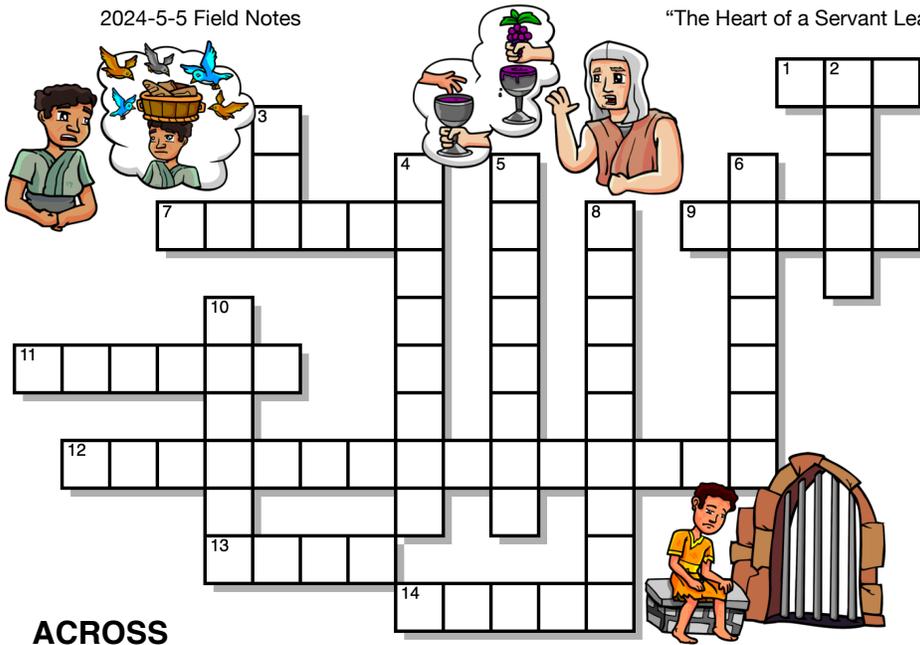
6. Why might the chief cupbearer "forget" Joseph (v.23)? How might this make Joseph feel?

7. As Joseph - forgotten in prison, foiled in your hope for release, but secure in your role as dream interpreter - how would you now see your own God-given dreams (of 37:5-11)?

8. Where in your life are you feeling imprisoned? Left out of the feast? What is your prayer for release? What fellowship do you want restored? What do you sense is God's answer to those prayers?

9. What is your "dream" for the future? Do you feel that your dreams will be realized or not?

10. How do these dreams and feelings affect your relationship with God? How does that spiritual tie maintain your hope despite circumstances to the contrary?



DOWN

- 2 What emotion is used to describe Pharaoh at the opening of this passage?
- 3 This was in the hand of the first prisoner when he dreamed.
- 4 "when all goes well with you, _____ me and show me kindness".
- 5 The third day was this momentous occasion for Pharaoh?
- 6 In the second dream, three of these were on the head of the second prisoner.
- 8 For whom did Pharaoh throw a party?
- 10 The two prisoners were assigned to this man, also a fellow prisoner.

ACROSS

- 1 Joseph noted that both prisoners looked _____.
- 7 "Pharaoh will lift off your head and _____ your body on a pole."
- 9 The two who offended their master (the Pharaoh) were the cupbearer and the _____.
- 11 The chief cupbearer, after everything, _____ Joseph (v. 23)
- 12 What does Joseph say belong to God?
- 13 Joseph said to the first prisoner that after three days, this would be lifted up.
- 14 What animals appeared in the second dream?



WORD SEARCH:

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| cupbearer | grapes |
| baker | Pharaoh |
| king | cup |
| Egypt | position |
| offended | kindness |
| master | dungeon |
| angry | baskets |
| officials | bread |
| custody | baked |
| prison | birds |
| Joseph | pole |
| dream | feast |
| interpretation | birthday |
| dejected | restored |
| vine | impaled |
| branches | forgot |

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