

# Dream Limbo

Sermon Series: Joseph: When Dreams Are Deferred

Genesis 40:1-23

## THE DREAM CAUGHT IN LIMBO

*When you feel like your dream is not going anywhere...*

- ❶ Serve Others: Live beyond yourself (vs.1-8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❷ Share Your Faith: Connect people to the Dream Giver. (vs.8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❸ Be Known to Others: Search and listen to wise counsel around you. (vs.9-13, 16-19)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❹ Don't Forget to Ask: It's always a no, unless you ask. (vs.14-15, 20-23)

# REALife Application

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2. It's easy to read about the cupbearer who forgot about Joseph in Genesis 40 and wonder, “How could that happen?” At the same time it's easy for us to forget about what God and others have done for us. Take a few minutes and write down at least two or three things that have been done for you that are worth remembering.

What suggestion did God give in Joshua 4:1-7 and 20-24 to help Joshua and his people remember their blessing? Are there any objects, symbols, or rocks in your life that remind you of something important?

What might help you remember God and His faithfulness and other important events or commitments you have made?

3. Joseph recognized his gifts, talents and abilities, and also remembered they came from God. Many people know their own strengths; others enjoy the attention or fame their talents bring, and some take all the glory and honor for themselves. Why do you think some people are so hungry to be recognized or have fame?

Can you think of any challenges of being with a person that is always self-promoting?

What does Hebrews 13:20-21 tell us about where we get what we need and who is supposed to end up with all glory?

Romans 11:33-36 is called a “doxology”, which means “glory statement”. How does it affect the way you see God and His glory?

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