FROM PRISON TO PALACE
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I. FIRST, JOSEPH WAS A ___ IN EGYPT.

A. Remember that the king’s cup bearer forgot to help Joseph—40:23.

B. However, he wasn’t forgotten by God.
   1. Pharaoh had a dream two years later—41:1.
   2. None of his advisors could interpret the King’s dreams.
   3. The cup bearer finally remembered that Joseph could—41:9.
   5. The King was so impressed with Joseph that he put him in charge—41:41-43,46.

II. SECOND, JOSEPH HAD A REUNION WITH HIS BROTHERS.

A. When the famine came all the countries of the world came to Egypt to buy food—41:57.

B. Jacob sent all his sons except Benjamin the youngest to buy food in Egypt—42:1-4.
   1. Joseph’s brothers bowed down to him just as he had predicted in his dreams—42:6.
   4. Joseph tested his brothers to see if they had changed—42:21-23.

C. Later Jacob sent them back to Egypt to buy more food and this time he sent Benjamin with them.
   2. Judah volunteered to go to prison in place of Benjamin—44:33.
   3. At this point Joseph revealed himself to his brothers—45:3-7.
   4. Joseph told them it was all according to God’s plan—45:8.

LESSONS FOR US TODAY.

1. Joseph is an example of faith because he believed God would lead Israel someday out of Egypt—50:22-26.
2. Joseph is an example forgiveness—Eph. 4:22.
3. There was a purpose for Joseph’s suffering.
5. We, like Joseph, should be an example for others to follow—1 Tim. 4:12