

Rewriting the Story – Joseph



**2 men whose dreams had died:
Jacob & Joseph**

Genesis 37

Joseph had dreams; Joseph → Egypt → Prison → Pharaoh

vs 35 Jacob's dream died when Joseph disappeared

Genesis 41:51&52

2 sons born to Joseph

Manasseh (=forget) & Ephraim (=fruitful)

Joseph had renegotiated his dreams with God

Genesis 42:7

Joseph recognized his brothers

Vs.9 THEN he remembered his dreams and was angry (perhaps not with his brothers, rather with God for making him remember his dreams!)

Genesis 45:25-28

Jacob is told his son is alive – his spirit comes alive again.

Genesis 46:2

God speaks to Jacob

vs.3 I am the God of your Father - great nation

Genesis 48

Here, Jacob explains his conversations with God on the way to Egypt and explains how the dreams are far bigger than either of them realised.

Vs.3 I am going to make you fruitful

Vs.7 Rachel died along the way (Ben-Oni & Ben-Jamin)

Vs.12ff crosses hands. Blessing to Fruitfulness

Therefore fruitfulness more important than forgetting

Genesis 49:22

Joseph is a fruitful vine

Genesis 50:24&25

Carry my bones home