

Lessons Learned in God's School of Hard Knocks

Genesis 39 - 41

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When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?" (40:6-7)

. . . the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (2 Cor.1:4)

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