

Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 15th November 2020

Canaan to Egypt

Genesis 41:53 – Genesis 50:15-25

As the title suggests, this is a journey, with many twists and turns, characters and events. Throughout these passages, we get a real glimpse of the character and nature of God and how God takes the most terrible of situations, or actions of people and turns them into something amazing. I am sure we are all familiar with the story of Joseph. He was a dreamer and was also able to interpret other people's dreams. His dreams got him into deep trouble with his brothers, who sold him as a slave. Joseph later ended up in prison. In each situation Joseph learned more about the importance of trusting God and serving others. God was able to use Joseph's brother's evil actions, to fulfil his ultimate plan, sending Joseph ahead to preserve their lives, save Egypt and prepare the way for the beginning of the nation of Israel. Joseph had said to his brothers,

“You intended to harm me, but God intended for good to accomplish what is now being done and saving many lives”.
(Gen 50:20)

Joseph's brothers were afraid of him, as he was now in a position of power and authority. They feared he would take revenge upon them. But because of Joseph's relationship with God, he knew that this was not God's way. God's way is the way of love, justice, forgiveness, humility and grace.

Let us pray

For those who are serving their time in prison for the wrong they have done and for those who work in the prison service, for chaplains who come alongside prisoners, that they might be a symbol of hope and a light to show a better way.

For those in positions of power and authority, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit, in the decisions they make and the lives affected by those decisions.

Give us O God, a heart transformed by grace and a life inspired by humility. Grant us fulness of faith, firmness of hope and fervency of love. Let our one desire be conformity to your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Thomas More – 1478-1535).

Meditation

As you read these passages, which characters are you drawn to?

God sees the potential in all of us. Is there a situation you would like to bring to God today?

