

Noticing

Genesis 40

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***“When Joseph came to them the next morning,
he saw that they were dejected.” (vs 6)***

In this chapter of Genesis, what most sticks out to me is that Joseph notices. Joseph *notices*. Joseph notices. Joseph **notices**. He has a lot of reasons to NOT notice and to not see those around him. Things are not going well for this young man at all. He has every reason to sleep all the time, to be depressed, to be angry, to be frustrated. But instead Joseph trusts in God and rather than looking always inward at himself, Joseph notices another. Even on our best days, do we pay attention? Do we notice? Do we see the others all around us? Do we behold the long faces, the suffering, the sadness, the weight of the world that our brothers and sisters are carrying around? And when we notice what do we do? You see, Joseph doesn't just notice, he acts. Joseph lets his fellow prisoners know that he sees them, that he notices.

Perhaps we have experienced being noticed. Moments in life when another person saw us, took notice, and asked. When a person offered the kindness of listening ear, a warm meal, a sympathetic hug, an encouraging word. And it felt good to be noticed. As you read Joseph's story and remember all the moments you were noticed pray that God will allow you to notice others. Open your eyes and your heart to see God's people, to **notice** another and to act.