

## Who You Gonna Call

Genesis 41:1-39

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***“In the morning, his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him.” (vs. 8)***

In the 1980s (not so long ago) children everywhere knew that “if there is something strange in your neighborhood”, you call “Ghostbusters!” In this week’s Bible reading, Pharaoh had a troubling dream. Since the Egyptian ruler lived long before Dan Aykroyd and Bill Murray starred in the movie Ghostbusters, he called upon his council to help him. In fact, he called for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt because he was so troubled by his dream and wanted an explanation for it. Yet none of them could help him make sense of it. Then the cupbearer (whom Joseph had noticed, but who forgot about Joseph for 2 years) remembered Joseph. Desperately wanting to ease the troubling feeling the dream left him with, Pharaoh calls for Joseph.

Joseph enters the scene with much acclaim for his ability to interpret dreams, but Joseph quickly puts the acclaim in its place and tells all who are around to hear including Pharaoh himself that God is the one who gives dreams and interprets dreams. Joseph argues that he is not special (a magician or wise man), but he simply trusts in and listens to One who is the giver and interpreter of dreams. Joseph reminds us as we read the story that God is the one in whom our trust is rightly placed. When we find ourselves troubled in our minds, some of us want to talk it out; we call all our wise men and women. Some of us cope internally, wrestling with the question in the wisdom of our own mind and ability to reason and think. Joseph reminds us that this is okay and valuable, but we also (and firstly) ought to call on God in troubled times. When we run to God with our troubles, we find the one who is truly capable of easing the troubling feelings we are having.