

# Genesis 40

## *Remembered in Love by the Sovereign Lord*

**Main idea:** Friends forget us, but the Lord never will. In fact, when they do so, it is precisely because He is remembering us according to eternal, electing, effective love.

<sup>1</sup> It came to pass after these things that the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief butler and the chief baker. <sup>3</sup> So he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined. <sup>4</sup> And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; so they were in custody for a while.

<sup>5</sup> Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, had a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night and each man's dream with its own interpretation. <sup>6</sup> And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad. <sup>7</sup> So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?"

<sup>8</sup> And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it."

So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please."

<sup>9</sup> Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "Behold, in my dream a vine was before me, <sup>10</sup> and in the vine were three branches; it was as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes. <sup>11</sup> Then Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand."

<sup>12</sup> And Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days. <sup>13</sup> Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler. <sup>14</sup> But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. <sup>15</sup> For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon."

<sup>16</sup> When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and there were three white baskets on my head. <sup>17</sup> In the uppermost basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."

<sup>18</sup> So Joseph answered and said, "This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets are three days. <sup>19</sup> Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head from you and hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from you."

<sup>20</sup> Now it came to pass on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. <sup>21</sup> Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. <sup>22</sup> But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. <sup>23</sup> Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

### Introduction

Friends forget and betray you.

#### 1. **Though friends forget you, the Lord never does**

- a. "Interpretations belong to God," v8. Joseph's confidence that the Lord cannot forget him.
- b. The freedom that confidence toward God gives us for compassion toward others.
- c. But not every friend has this confidence, and those who do waver.
- d. The Friend who sticks closer than a brother.

#### 2. **When friends forget you, it is *precisely because* the Lord is remembering you**

- a. What Joseph thought might be happening, v14–15
- b. What was actually happening
- c. What might have happened to the Baker
- d. What is happening to believers, regardless of circumstances

### Conclusion

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We come now to worship God in the hearing of His Word preached. And turn in a copy of that word to Genesis chapter 40. And with our Bibles open let's ask him for his help.

Our Father in Heaven, we thank you for the reality that we come now to experience. Of which your word tells us that. The Lord Jesus who has presented us in heaven. Saying behold. I and the children whom you have given me. Now fulfills his pledge. To declare your name to his brethren.

To us. Your adopted children his adopted siblings. Your children his siblings. So we pray that you would grant to us the help of your spirit. That as we hear Christ. Speak from heaven. You would stir up our faith to know you as our Abba. To know the words of.

Our Lord Jesus, you're only begotten son. As words that he speaks to preserve us and bring us at last all the way home. So that the when the heavens and the earth that our currently be shaken being shaken. No longer remain. That he even by the preaching of his words now.

In part. Will have brought us at last to inherit that unshakeable kingdom. That he has earned for us. And that you and your fatherly love have determined to give us as your children. And so father son and Holy Spirit. Help us now. In the preaching and the hearing of your word preached.

Which we ask through Jesus. Amen.

Let us rise as we. Hear the word of God read.

Genesis chapter 40, these are God's words. It came to pass after these things that the butler and the baker of the King of Egypt offended their Lord. The king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers the Chief Butler and the Chief Baker. So he put them in custody in the House of the Captain of the Guard in the prison.

The place where Joseph was confined. And the captain of the guards charged Joseph with them. And he served them. So they were in custody for a while. Then the Butler and the Baker of the King of Egypt who were confined in the prison had a dream. Both of them.

Each man's dream in one night. And each man's dream with its own interpretation. And Joseph came into them in the morning and looked at them and saw that they were sad. So he asked for his officers who were with him and the custody of his Lord's house saying, why do you look so sad today?

They said to him we each have had a dream. And there is no interpreter of it. So Joseph said to them. Do not interpretations belong to God. Tell them to me, please. Then the chief Butler told his dream to Joseph and said to him behold in my dream a vine was before me and in the vine were three branches it was as though it budded it's blossomed shot forth and clusters brought forthright grapes.

Then Ferris cup was in my hand and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. And Joseph said to him, this is the interpretation of it. The three branches are three days. Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner when you were his Butler, but remember me when it is well with you and please show kindness to me.

Make mention of me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house. For indeed, I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews. And also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon. When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good he said to Joseph I also was in my dream and there were three white baskets on my head and the uppermost basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head.

So Joseph answered and said, this is the interpretation of it. The three baskets are three days. Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you. And hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat your flesh from you. Now, it came to pass on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday.

That he made a feast for all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief Butler and of the chief Baker among his servants. Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. But he hanged to the chief.

Baker. As Joseph had interpreted to them. If the chief butler did not remember Joseph. But forgot him.

This ends this reading of God's inspired and inherent word we rejoice to know that he promises to add his blessing to it. Please be seated.

One of the things that often happens to believers in. The providence and wisdom of God is that our friends forget us?

It hurts deeply. And if we are truthful. We are often forgetful of our friends. And even worse there are those who were very near to us. Who betray us.

If you have any doubt that the Lord wants you to be prepared for such eventuality, you just read through the Psalms. See how many prayers he's given you for just such an occasion. When a friend forgets you or betrays you and the greatness of the pain when it was your close friend with whom you used to go to worship.

Call upon the Lord's name together. And now they gossip about you and seek your harm. Indeed it is not just something that God has given us to pray and to sing about. He gave it to his own son. As the Lord Jesus was growing up. And growing and wisdom and stature with favor and with God.

Whit in favor with God and with men and he learned to praying as a child in the Psalms. He's saying those songs. The Lord prepared him to be abandoned by many who were his friends. And even among the 12. On the night that he needed them the most. They all forgot him.

Indeed one of them betrayed him. And that which the Lord Jesus has gone through. He prepares us for. Indeed perhaps apart from the Lord Jesus no one but Paul has experienced this so much in the scripture. It's amazing. 2nd Timothy. Perhaps the last letter that we have from the Apostle.

He is writing to the man that he disciplined to be the lead elder as it were and the churches in Ephesus. And he's telling them how. He had a friend who betrayed him. And then at his first defense no one stood by him. They all abandoned him. And then he says, But the Lord stood by me.

And it is that experience of the Apostle Paul and. That experience of our Lord Jesus who instead of having the one who stood by him. Would instead because this is what we deserve cry out my God my God, why have you forsaken me? It is that experience of the believer that we find in Genesis chapter 40.

Where a man who had hoped so much to be remembered by his friend was forgotten. And yet the Lord stood by him. And these are the two two headings under which we will consider the teaching of this chapter this morning together. First the though your friends forget you the Lord never does.

And then in the second place just really the same thing, but to another level when your friends forget you. It is precisely because the Lord is remembering you. So though your friends forget you. The Lord never does. That is as far as the the narrative of Joseph and the preservation of the covenant family the family of Jacob that is still back in Canaan at the time and the bringing of Christ into the world as far as that gets advanced this far in this chapter.

Joseph being forgotten. He's in the prison when the passage starts and we don't know anything about the the butler or the baker until this passage and then at the end of the passage when we had some hope and everything that happened in the passage fizzles away with the last verse yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph but forgot him and as we'll be reminded again Lord willing by his help a week from this time the next verse then it came to pass at the end of two full years and you can imagine he thought, It was going to be three days right the the three baskets of the baker are three days and the three branches on the vine are three days and he thought in three days.

I'm gonna be remembered and mentioned to Pharaoh and shown steadfast love and I will get out of this house and I'll be able to go back to the land from which I had stolen, can you imagine children that you think mom and dad are going to give you something in three days and then it's two year.

Before it comes about how old were you two years ago, do you remember the age that you were could you imagine if at that point two years ago you had hoped for something with all that you were. For that you thought was going to come in three days and if it didn't happen until now so that is as far as Joseph's story advances in this chapter and the main thing in the chapter then is that he is forgotten but that's not really the main thing that's the main thing on earth that's the main thing in his experience in the prison that's the main thing in his relationship with his friend the butler the cup bearer.

But really the main thing is that he is not forgotten the main thing is that the Lord is remembering him and Joseph actually knows that. He is not in disparity is not discouraged. And how do we know that Joseph knows that because in verse 8. They say to him.

We each have had a dream there is no interpreter of it, so Joseph said to them do not interpretations belong to God. Well. What experience do you have with prophetic dreams? Mr. Joseph, have you ever received one well actually he's received too doesn't he do you know what they meant well yeah.

I knew what they meant when I told them to my family they knew what they meant and. Do you really believe that they're gonna happen? The answer actually is yes. Because of Joseph thought that his being in a dungeon in the house of the captain of the guard had had proven that his dreams were just figments of his imagination the overworkings of a tired mind at the end of a hard day in the fields one day, he wouldn't say to them.

Do not interpretations belong to God. You might have said something to them like well don't be so sad don't let those dreams bother you. Turns out they don't actually come true after all. I once had a couple that I was pretty sure were true but here I am. Do you see how his response to their dreams shows that he is operating out of confidence that God is going to lift him up and his brothers still are going to bow down before him and even Jacob and Leia one day will come.

And how interpretations belong to God says Joseph because he's confident that the Lord cannot forget him. In fact, not only is he confident that the Lord cannot forget him, but that frees him to actually be interested in other people. Is very easy to get depressed and discouraged if you are incarcerated in fact in my experience in jail ministry, it is often those who are already converted or who are about to be converted that seem to be the most discouraged.

They have a sense that life is supposed to be more for them and where they are is not satisfying to them and Joseph might have been discouraged and dismayed when when you are I get betrayed by a friend or

forgotten by a friend or are circumstances are the exact opposite of the good that we had desired and it asked God to give us is it not the tendency of our flesh that remaining sin?

I'm not talking about your new nature that the Lord gives you and what he does for you when you're reading his word and calling upon his name but is it not the tendency of our flesh to? Become self-absorbed to to make our own personal thundercloud like Eeyore and and walk around under it and unable to see anything good or even have any interest in or compassion towards anyone else, but that's exactly the opposite of Joseph here.

Because his confidence that interpretations belong to God his confidence that the reason interpretations belong to God is that it is God who has planned the future who is able to tell you by way of dream and he doesn't tell you by way of dream unless you sit here and think that because he says at the beginning of Hebrews that there was a time before Jesus came.

Where God spoke to his people and at many times and in many different ways, but the Jesus is his last word and that when the apostles write as apostles they are as it were the hand and pen of the Lord Jesus Christ and that there are no more words of Jesus.

After the words of Jesus that were promised to be completed in John 16 by the ministry of the Spirit through the Apostles or fulfilled. So as you apply. Next today do not go home and and tell mom and dad about your dream and ask them what their interpretations are of it and parents do not tell your children do not interpretations belong to God and then follow up with some prediction about their future.

But do be absolutely confident that everything that God has told you that he doesn't believe his life everything that God has promised will be accomplished when he's done with his work in your life is being accomplished in every moment of every day of the rest of your life and in everything that happens on earth and in heaven here and abroad everywhere all the time.

Because it is that confidence that God who has determined the future is God who had given the prophetic dreams and therefore interpretation belongs to God that enables Joseph to get up one morning. In verse six. Joseph comes into them in the morning. Maybe he's getting them breakfast and he's developed a relationship.

With the butler in the baker. He knows the difference in what they look like today because he's been paying attention to what they looked like yesterday and the day before and this while that is mentioned at the end of verse 4 his confidence in God's intentions towards him has prevented him from being so self-absorbed that he is unable to have compassion on and notice what is going on with others.

In fact the freedom and the confidence that the that it gives us to know that God is carrying out his good purpose towards us is what enables us not to end up being the forgetting friend or the betraying friend. That would require the one whom we forgot or the one whom we betrayed.

To be clinging so hard to this truth about God never forgetting then.

So. Interpretations belong to God God never forgets and if you know that God never forgets you that enables you not to forget others, but not every friend has this confidence.

And there are friends who forget you. How awful it must have been. For Joseph because it's precisely this connection this interest that the that Joseph had in the life of the butler and the baker that that leads to him not only rejoicing over and we assume it as so because of the interest that he's showed in them from the the beginning of the the story of their friendship they're interaction together, but having given this good report that the baker loved to hear because he thought he might get the same.

To the butler and rejoicing that he could give it to him he Joseph says to his friend the cut bearer the butler, but remember me when it is well with you and please show kindness to me and the word there is is that steadfast love word that covenant love word when that when it's applied to God, it's that electing love in which he binds himself to us and is determined that that nothing in heaven or on earth nothing in time not even our sin not even if we come under the condemnation of his wrath.

It is he going to let that get in the way of him having us as his son or his daughter and that love that we. Just heard about when considering the doctrine of adoption in the class and when it's applied to men it's loyalty in keeping our commitments to one another and fulfilling the roles into which God has brought us to either by nature or by contract or by covenant and he's saying to the butler you and I have this connection.

With one another we have this friendship we have this commitment to on another we have this love and so don't let to don't let three days from now just to be a good day for you but remember me when it is well with you and please show kindness to me and make me mention of me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house ever have every confidence as soon as Pharaoh who three days from now it's going to be his birthday Joseph's perhaps as another that's going to be his birthday that's something the Moses gives us by the Spirit later but three days from now when he's in a good mood.

And has restored you to his position and you are in his good graces make mention it to me make mention of me to him because. I'm not a slave because I was indebted. I'm not a slave because I was captured in war. I was stolen. I'm unjustly here in the country.

And even when I got here I was falsely condemned as probably Potiphar has affirmed. You see the captain of the guard here in whose house was the prison yeah what happened is a the pharaoh sent the butler and the baker that she fell in the baker to the prison that was in the house of the captain of the guard and it actually isn't the keeper of the prison in verse 4 who decides that these two should be especially assigned to Joseph who whom does it say it says the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them.

So when he gets these two high-level prisoners, these two important men is prisoners potifer actually over rules the keeper of the prison about whom we heard at the end of chapter third night, so make sure those two get. Assigned to Joseph. Towards the keeper of the prison probably so I already assigned everything to Joseph.

I have no clue what's going on in the prison. I just. He does everything in I don't pay attention to it. But so. Joseph has a high expectation that his friend with whom he has this relationship as going to tell Pharaoh all about it. And it makes verse 23 hurt that much more doesn't it?

Because it's not just unfulfilled expectations. It's a broken relationship. It's unrequited friendship. And love.

But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. That friend of course is the Lord Jesus Christ the one who stood by the apostle. Paul the one who says even before he became incarnate even if a mother could forget her nursing, baby. I would not forget you.

Even if your parents forsake you an abandon you I will not forsake you. He describes it in his word and terms of engraving us on his hands. Which is marvelous because it's using language similar to what he says for us to do with his word. That his word would be bound to our hands so that we would never extend our hand to do anything except that we remember what his words says about who we are and whom we serve and what we should do and how we should do it.

And then he turns the language around. And he says, that's what I've done with my hands. Except for it's not just my character and it's just not my it's not just my law it's not just my goodness that I've written under my hands so that every time the living God extends his hand as it worried doesn't have actual hands but everything that the living God does in all of time and all of history would be according to his character and for his glory.

Says no it's your name that I've engraved on my hand. There's the living God says you're close friend who knows how bad things are for you and how little it would take for him to turn it all around for you and he still forgets you. But I will not forget you.

Everything I do. Everything I do. Has your infinite blessedness forever and ever. As one of the controlling reasons for why I do it. Bible tells us a lot about why God does things. But if you belong to him by faith in Jesus Christ, one of the answers to the why question about anything that happens anywhere.

One of the answers to the why question is because God loves you. Respond but I don't understand. You don't have to understand. In order to know that it's true. Because you know who it is who has said it and you know what he has said and you see in the rearview mirror of history the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There is that friend who sticks closer than a brother. And the father and the son and the spirit who have remembered you in everything that he has done. Through all of history is not suddenly forgetting you when something happens this week. The friends forget you the Lord never does in fact when friends forget you it is precisely because the Lord is remembering you.

How long did Joseph think it was going to be until he got out the pot of her's house?

Which means out of the prison out of the house out of the country back home stolen from the land of the Hebrews how long did he think he'd be on his way home three days, right? But it wasn't for another two years. That the Lord was planning to get Pharaoh these dreams that are going to come in chapter 41.

It wasn't for another two years that the big boom years the seven years of plenty were going to begin. If Joseph is back home in the land of Hebrew the Hebrews of if Jacob who thought at this point for some for a decade or so that his son had been torn by animals if he had suddenly the there was a caravan up from Egypt maybe some royal attendees who who knows depending on however much favor the cup bearer had and in pharaoh's eyes and maybe he would come with his friend and drop them off and yeah if Jacob had gotten to rejoice ever receiving just, The back and the brothers are horrified because Joseph is still alive if that had been the way it had gone, which is Joseph's expectation in Genesis chapter 40.

The Egypt doesn't know. To store up a fifth of the crane. In the seven years that come. And there's no stored grain for the famine that comes after that. And there's starving to death. You see, it's not just that despite the fact that the cut bearer forgot Joseph still the Lord remembered him.

And it's not just in whatever betrayals you encounter and whatever misery you suffer and whatever you see happen in your life or your home or even the church or the culture. It's not just the despite that the Lord is still remembering you. Isn't it precisely because the Lord was remembering Joseph that he needed to be forgotten for two years?

Isn't that exactly how his interpretation to quote him in verse eight would be fulfilled? How else is he going to be lifted up to be the second most powerful man the the actual most powerful man, except for the figurehead Pharaoh in Egypt. How else would it be that has brothers and even has father and his?

Mother and think that's Leah now. But come down and bow before him. The cup bearer forgot Joseph because the Lord was remembering him.

That's what it was actually happening. He was very different than what Joseph thought. But whatever it is that the Lord does whether you are being restored to your former position and you and the job scare of losing your job is gone and the income is back and the prestige is back and you've got the favor of your boss.

Whether you're experience in God's providence is like the cut bearers. Or whether it's like Joseph or whether it's like the bakers. The poor baker.

He hears that the interpretation is good. He says to Joseph I also was in my dream. Three white baskets and so forth Joseph says, this is the interpretation of it so far so good, that's what he said to the cup bearer. Three baskets or three days sounds just like what he said to the cup.

Barry yes. Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head as not off there. It's up. And it's important if the text because if you're following along with the baker sounds great. And then the next words are from you.

But you know, it's possible. And as only possible if by faith he trusted in the promised redeemer. But it's possible that Joseph he was telling people about Yahweh and we know that he was because what it tells us in chapter 39 about what Potiphar Saul was not merely that everything prospered in his hand but he saw specifically that Yahweh was a Joseph and that it was Yahweh was prospering everything.

It's possible that Joseph. Who was an evangelist as a slave. Was an evangelist with his friends who were in prison about whom he cared when they were sad in prison. Is there any better news to tell them? Then that God had set apart from his family from his father's family.

One seed who would come and whom all of the families of the earth would be blast and well that includes your family Baker. There's actually possible that the the chief baker who died three days later died in faith. The Lord does that sometimes he did it to the thief on the cross, didn't he?

Was it a tragedy that the thief on the cross died that day? Here I trusted him and he said today you would be with me in Paradise and I still died on that cross. That's a silly way to talk about it. Isn't it children? What's a tragedy? He did.

That day interparadise of the Lord. In those moments of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the small time he had left in his time on earth the fact that he died that afternoon became the best thing that had ever happened to him outside of trusting in Christ just.

A couple hours earlier. No, I don't know. If the chief baker trusted in the Lord Jesus. And if he did then what happened to him the moment after his death was much worse.

Than the verdict guilty. Then when all of these hopes that he had had and then were dashed when the interpretation was different and he still holding out hope against hope. If he's unconverted at that point. Hoping against hope that this Joseph guy is wrong that he's not all he's cracked up to be that his interpretations are only 99.99 percent accurate.

And I could be the point 0 1.

And the devastation when Pharaoh condemned him to death. If he didn't believe in the promised redeemer. Then what happened to him the moment after he died was even worse than that wasn't it?

But if he did. Then the moment. He died. He would know that the reason he was executed at that day was because the Lord is redeemer was remembering him. And bringing him into Abraham's bottom. Bringing him into the blessedness that he didn't deserve. But that the merciful God had given him anyway.

And that's the difference for you. Between belonging to God by faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you're worthiness with him alone. Jesus being all of your worthiness. That's the difference for you in everything that happens this week and everything that happens in your life.

Whenever you are forgotten by a friend whenever you are betrayed. If you are God's in the Lord Jesus Christ, then whether you're restored like the cupbearer or forgotten and in limbo for a while like Joseph or condemned and similarly executed like the baker whatever the Providence whatever the events are.

The reason if you belong to God by faith in Jesus Christ, is that he is remembering you.

And if you don't. Belong to God by faith in Jesus Christ, then it won't matter. How many things you thought were going badly? And then God and His Providence brought something comfortable or pleasant or prosperous or prestigious out of it. And you say haha. I knew that that's why that was happening and how many unbelievers how many whose hope has been in this life alone have said that about difficult events that resolved better than they were expecting.

But they were clinging to a false hope. Because the moment they died outside of Christ, they realized that every moment of goodness testified against them. That they ought to have given up. Lordship of themselves and embraced. Jesus Christ and trusted in him.

But if you're a believer. Whatever your circumstances are. Or always because God is remembering you in that everlasting electing love in Jesus Christ. And everything he has done to bring his son into the world and everything he has done to apply the salvation of his son to those for whom he died.

Has had his love for you in mind. And that's not just for big events. It's for prisoners. Who may or may not. Be paroled or executed. And it's for people whose friends forget them. Or even betray them. Friends forget us, but the Lord never will. In fact when they do so it has not just that the Lord still remembers you.

But that they forgot you precisely because he was remembering you according to his eternal electing and effective love a man, let's pray.

Our Father you have done so many things out of love for us. That we have been unnecessarily discouraged and dismayed under.

Because we did not know you to be good for your word, like we ought to have known you. We thank you for the grace by which your spirit upheld Joseph. And his being convinced. Of the prophetic dreams you had given him we thank you that we have something more sure.

Your word written the scriptures even than if we saw Jesus on the mountain. We pray that your spirit would stir up our faith to be convinced of what we know from your word. So that we may not only trust in and love you but may even be freed from self-absorption to love others.

Grant that we would not be those who forget our friends. And grant Lord Jesus that when we are forgotten. We would know that it is because you remember us and used it closer than a brother for we asking your name and your children here say. Amen.