

DREAM EXTREME!

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Gen. 37:3-11

Joseph is a dreamer. He shares his dreams with those closest to him with mixed results.

Dreams are the panoramic images of your destiny. Previews of what God has in store for you. You don't have to be sleep to dream.

Acts 2:17 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

Young people will see visions, or images of things to come, and the older, or senior and mature ones, will dream, or possibly experience, the reality of their dreams.

The opportunities will be available to all people that believe and trust God.

...I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: ...

Acts 2:21 *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Dreams and vision happen consciencely and unconsciencely.

God imparts his purpose and our destiny to us in our dreams. Abraham. Joseph, Jesus' father warned and directed in a dream. Then redirected in another dream.

Job 33:14-17 *For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. :15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; :16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, :17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.*

Satan will attempt to pervert the dreams that God gives you and turn them into nightmares.

Faith or fear determines a dream or nightmare.

I. Not Everyone Loves A Dreamer.

A. Joseph is hated by his brothers, as he shares the images of his destiny with those closest to him. A young man with vision. (*He shall add*) Productive.

1. Visionary people can be intimidating to dreamless people.

a. They have a tendency to become jealous.

vs.11 *And his brethren envied him;...* "Old friends will forgive you anything but success." Michael Savage.

[1.] Most people live aimlessly, from day to day.

Prov. 29:18 *Where there is no vision, the people perish:...*

b. Visionary people stand out from the crowd. He wore a coat of many colors. Are usually 'odd' people. Peculiar. 1Pet. 2:9

2. Each time Joseph's dreams expanded, his brother's hate expanded.

a. Their hate sank to three different levels.

[1.] They thought that seniority and tenure should give them priority.

[2.] You should be discerning concerning who you share your dreams with.

- b. Visionary people are the envy of the dreamless. Particularly those that they know personally.
 - [1.] The unknown successful people are usually admired.
- B. Israel loved his son Joseph because he was a dreamer of destiny like himself. vs. 11 *...his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.* Rebuked but regarded.
 - 1. Successful people are attracted to each other.
 - Prov. 27:17 *Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*
 - a. They try to learn from each other.
 - 2. Israel probably wasn't crazy about the idea of his son being greater than he, but he respected the power of his son's vision and the reality of his son's destiny.
 - a. He kept his ego and pride in check. Particularly difficult for men.
 - 3. Jealous people seal their fates, as they reap what they sow.
 - a. Jealousy is a spirit.
 - Num. 5:14 *And the spirit of jealousy come upon him,...*
 - b. Produces rage and has an adverse effect on people's decision making.
 - Prov. 6:34 *For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.*
 - [1.] Is painful to the jealous one.
 - Song 8:6 *...jealousy is cruel as the grave:...*
 - [2.] Causes confusion and a potential for anything bad to happen.
 - James 3:16 *For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.*
 - c. Joseph encountered jealousy throughout his journey of destiny.

II. Joseph's Dreams Took Him To The Place Of His Destiny.

- A. Took him to Egypt, the place of his destiny.
 - 1. Sold into slavery.
 - a. Destiny's vehicles and roads aren't always the ones that we would choose. Things, along the way, may not always go just exactly the way you'd like.
 - [1.] Because of his faith in God and his dreams, Joseph always prospered, regardless of his surroundings and circumstances.
 - b. Closed doors do not always equal lost opportunities.
- B. Took him to Potiphar's house.
 - Gen. 37:36 *And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.*
 - 1. Became the household superintendent. prospered.
 - Gen. 39:3-4 *And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. :4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.*

- [a.] Did not lose his integrity when temptation arose. Gen. 39:7-13
- [b.] Suffered only temporary loss and imprisonment. Became the head trustee.

Gen. 39:20-23 *And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. :21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. :22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. :23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.*

- [c.] What could have been a permanent obstacle turned into an avenue to his destiny.
 - [1.] Interpreted the dream of Pharaoh's butler.

C. Took him to Pharaoh's palace.

Gen. 41:39-40 *And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shown thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: :40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.*

- 1. God turned his captivity into opportunity. Adversity into prosperity. Commotion into promotion.
 - a. Interpreted Pharaoh's dream.
 - [1.] Dreamers understand other dreamers.
 - [2.] Saved the economy of the East and made Egypt the most prosperous nation of the time.
 - [a.] Joseph was a supernatural inside trader.

D. Reunited him with his family.

- 1. His dream was fulfilled.
 - a. The great nation of Israel was preserved and cultivated through the dreams of Joseph. Gen. 42:6-47:27 Produced destiny.

III. DREAM EXTREME!

Choose A Big Dream! God's a Big God!

Eph. 3:20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

Most people aren't dreamers. Or, at best, dream small. Most dreamers lack the courage to take the required actions to see their dreams implemented. But, we the people of God should not only dream and expect to see those dreams fulfilled, but should dream big!

DREAM EXTREME!

- A. Don't become so caught up with the small issues of life that you can't take advantage of the important dreams and opportunities God has for you! Make a decision today to take the time to think big! God is a big God!
 - 1. Small minded people *think small* and therefore *live small*. Large minded people *think large* and therefore *live large*.

Prov. 23:7 *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:...*

- Dream or nightmare?
2. Destiny is inherent in us all, but requires us to take action!
 - a. The power works in us.
 - b. Faith without works is dead. James 2:20
 3. Your boundaries and limitations are those of your own creation.
- B. Joseph didn't stop at Egypt, nor Potiphar's house, or even Pharaoh's palace, but fulfilled the entire destiny of his dreams.
He dreamed extreme!
1. He dared to allow his faith to take him to complete fulfillment.
 2. His brother's hate turned to repentance, love and respect.
- C. Each small victory and success in your life is a rung on the ladder to the fulfillment of your dreams.
 Rom. 1:17 *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*
1. You don't start at the top.
 - a. God is looking for people who aren't afraid or offended to begin their approach to success at the "entry level."
 [1.] Joseph went from the pit to the palace.
 2Chr. 16:9 *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.*
 - b. There is generally a gradual progression of success.
 Prov. 1:32 *...the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.*
 [1.] Patience keeps the mature ones stable.
 Hebr. 6:12 *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

Conclusion;

When the Hebrew shepherd boy, David went against the giant Goliath and cried, "I come against you in the name of the Lord" he DREAMED EXTREME!

When Moses and the Israelites were faced with the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptian army behind them, he lifted up his rod and proclaimed, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD!" he DREAMED EXTREME!

When Jacob wrestled with the angel all night, and the angel wanted loose, Jacob said, "I'll not let you go until you bless me!" he DREAMED EXTREME!

Countless others of scripture and throughout history have dreamed extreme, with remarkable results.

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