

DREAMS AND DETOURS
Lessons from the Life of Joseph

THE BIRTH OF A DREAM

Genesis 37:1-11 Jeff Schreve

Then Joseph had a dream Genesis 37:5

Do you have a God-given dream/vision/word for your life?

1. God has a special dream for each one of us.

A. God is a purposeful God.

The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, even the wicked for the day of evil. Proverbs 16:4

B. God has a purpose and a plan for your life.

Whether, then, you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

C. God delights in giving a glimpse of the plan.

2. Not everyone is going to be excited about your dream.

Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. Genesis 37:5

A. Be careful about sharing your dream.

* A dysfunctional family is not a safe place.

B. Be careful not to let discouraging people derail your dream.

*Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." And he related it to his father and to his brothers; **and his father rebuked him** and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?" And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind. Genesis 37:9-11*

3. God always fulfills the dream in His time.

A. Keep fanning the flames of your dream.

B. Keep believing God for big things.

Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

*“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.”
-- William Carey*

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Remember, God does business with those who mean business.