

Dreams, Favor and Fulfillment

What is a dream? How would you define it?

A dream is the visual image of a desire to be fulfilled in the future.

A dream is a vision for a future accomplishment.

A dream is an inspiration that drives us toward a fulfilling destination yet to be realized.



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Where do dreams come from?

What is the purpose of a dream?

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Sources of Dreams:

*Dreams begin with desire.

- Our Desires and Dreams
- Others Desires and Dreams
- God's Desires and Dreams (Divine Revelation)

"If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion ...is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by an offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

C. S. Lewis - *The Pursuit of Happiness*

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Receiving a God Dream

- A God Dream is a vision of what God desires to accomplish through you for the purpose of His Kingdom and the fulfillment of your life. It is the "image" for which you were created.
- God Dreams lead to your destiny.

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Genesis 38:5 "Joseph had a dream..." God Dream

Dream Reactions and Realities

1. Did not meet with favor. (family)
2. Exposed family dysfunctions: favoritism, jealousy, competition, etc.
3. Stirred up hatred, anger and malice.
4. Resulted in abuse and rejection.
5. No affirmation, support or encouragement.

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Family and those closest to us can be our greatest dream supporters. But they can also be Dream Dashers. The dream exposes family, relational or personal dysfunction and competition.

The dream also exposes the strongholds of limitation, the spirit of smallness and unbelief. People cannot embrace for you, what they can embrace for themselves.

The dream has its own inspiration.

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So the journey to the dream begins:

- > Relational Rejection
- > Physical abuse Gen. 37:23
- > Elimination vs. 19-20, 28
- > Lies and Deception vs. 31-33
- > Twice sold vs. 36



*The disappearing dream

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God Dream Inspiration:

- A God Dream is charged with the Spirit. It captivates us.
- The Dream (Vision-Revelation) has been given, but there are many details that have not been disclosed.

What are some necessary details about the dream that have not been disclosed?

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Genesis 37:5-7,9

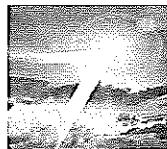
"Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

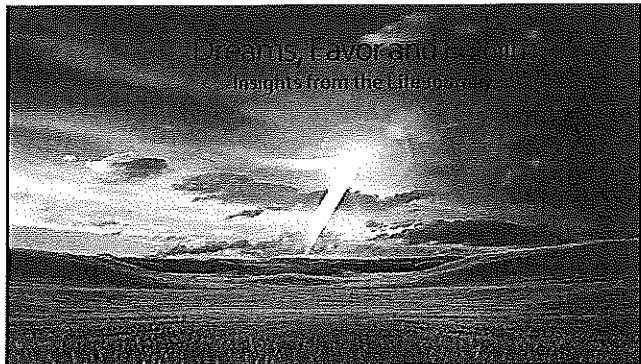
...Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

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Session II Assignment

- Dreams Short Term and Long Term
- Dreams Fulfilled and Unfulfilled
- Destiny Dreams





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 Insights from the Bible

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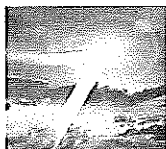
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Elements that Position for Dream Fulfillment

1. Rejection and Injustice
2. Favor Gen. 39:2-5
3. Temptation Gen. 39:6-7
4. Lies and Injustice-Prison
5. More Favor Gen. 39:20b-23



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6. Testing and Time (Two years in prison)

What is the timeframe called between dream reception and dream fulfillment? _____

What are the things that you think and possibly believe when you no progress toward the dream?

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"Whenever God gives us a promise, he first has to put it to death in our flesh."
Gary Wilkerson

The Death of a Dream --Bill Gothard

What are the things that God is doing in us, when the dream becomes seemingly impossible?

*A man with a dream in obscurity

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7. Spiritual Gifts

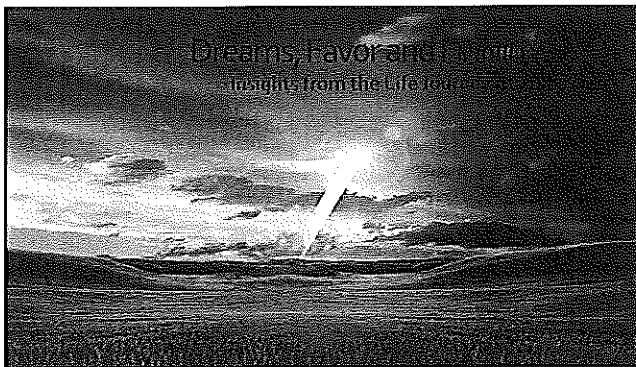
*A dreamer and an interpreter of dreams

Have you had night dreams of spiritual significance?

Have you had a dream and then received the interpretation of the dream via yourself or someone else?

There is strategic significance in the journey.





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Joseph is Placed in Position for Dream Fulfillment Gen. 41:41-43

"So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command,[a] and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt."

More favor Greater sacrifice/greater favor

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Prophetic (Symbolic) Processing Gen. 41:50-52

"Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh[a] and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."

Two sons: Forget and Twice Fruitful More favor

What do think is significance of these two names for Joseph?

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Dream Fulfillment at Last Gen. 42:8-9a

"Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Then he remembered his dreams about them...."

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Gen. 50:15-20

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died; 17 "This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly." Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

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Dream Fulfillment: More Than Imagined

- 1. Restored and Greater Measure Prosperity
- 2. Restored and Greater Measure Respect
- 3. Reconciliation of Family (Deep Healing)
- 4. Saved Lives
- 5. Dream Vindication (Soul Satisfaction)

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