

Trust God with Your Dream (Genesis 37:12-36)

Keep Your Dream Alive – Part 3

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Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

1. Be _____ where you're at

A. Submit to _____

Genesis 37:13-14 (NIV) Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

B. Trust God to _____ you

Genesis 37:15-17 (NIV) A man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan.

2. Don't be _____ by attacks

2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV) Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

A. Satan will try to _____ you

Genesis 37:18 (NIV) But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

B. Satan will try to _____ your dream

Genesis 37:19-20 (NIV) "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

3. Remember God is in _____

A. God will _____ your life

Genesis 37:21-22 (NIV) When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the desert, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

B. God will direct your _____

Genesis 37:25-28 (NIV) As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. ... Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites ... his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

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Study Guide

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Intro. Why do you think that every God-given dream for your life will be attacked by Satan (1 Peter 5:8)?

In what way is God's dream for your life like a promise?

What are some key character qualities necessary to see your God-given dreams fulfilled (Hebrews 6:12)?

- 1A. Why is it important for a person to be faithful in the small things in order to ultimately achieve their dream?
- 1B. Why might it have been difficult for Joseph to continue to submit to his father's authority after his dreams (Genesis 37:13-14)?
- 1C. How is God's providence seen with the man who gave Joseph directions (Genesis 37:15-17)?
- 1D. In what ways does being faithful in the small things in your family sow seeds for the fulfillment of tomorrow's dream? Give examples of being faithful in small things in your family.

- 2A. Why do you think that many believers are surprised at Satan's attacks? Give examples of Satan's attacks (2 Timothy 3:12).
- 2B. What emotions do you think were the motives behind Joseph's brothers desire to kill him (Genesis 37:18)?
- 2C. What role did Joseph's dreams play in his brother's plot (Genesis 37:19-20)?
- 2D. In what ways can the enemy attack a believer's ministry in church?
- 3A. In what ways is God in control of everything in your life (1 Peter 3:22)?
- 3B. How did God use Reuben to protect Joseph's life (Genesis 37:21-22)?
- 3C. How did Joseph's brothers evil plot actually help to fulfill God's dreams for Joseph's life (Genesis 37:25-28, 50:20)?
- 3D. How is it encouraging to know that God always has a next step for you to take to fulfill His dream for your life? What ways can you think to encourage others to take God's next step for their lives?