

Dream Character - 04.14.2013

Dream Defined: an inspiring picture of the future that energizes your mind, will, and emotions, empowering you to do everything you can to achieve it. A dream worth pursuing is a picture and blueprint of a person's purpose and potential."

CHARACTER: Moral quality. The principles and motives that control a person's life. Honest, faithful, pure, generous and gracious.

1) God still uses people from dysfunctional families to accomplish great things for His glory and others good.

Genesis 37:1-5

2) God has a dream and a plan to achieve His dream for our lives. *Genesis 37:6-11; Acts 2:17-18*

A dream doesn't have to be big. It just has to be bigger than you are. Dreams are renewable. No matter what your age or condition, there are still untapped possibilities within us and new beauty waiting to be born. It's never too late to dream.

3) God knows how best to communicate His dream for our lives. He knows we need to see it before we can say it and then have the faith to seize it. He often repeats it so we are sure to get it! *Genesis 37:7,9; Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15:1-6*

How do I get God's dream for my life?

a) Believe He has one for you. *Jeremiah 1:4-5; Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 2:10; Ephesians 3:20*

b) Prayerfully persist in receiving it. *Matthew 7:7-11*

c) Let other "Dreamers" inspire you. (Like Joseph)

d) Test your dream with God's Word and mature believers. *1 Thessalonians 5:19-21*

4) God knows the best plan for fulfilling His dream for our lives. Joseph's life radiates how God builds in us the godly character and competence we need to fulfill His dream. Without godly character we collapse under the weight of achieving a dream that far exceeds our human capacity! *Genesis 37:23-24*

"When the dream is right for the person and the person is right for the dream, the two cannot be separated from each other." - **John Maxwell, Put Your Dream to the Test**

Next Week: The Pits and Pathway of Dream Character Development

Reading guide - Joseph's story

M. Gen. 37 **T.** Gen. 39 **W.** Gen. 40 **Th.** Gen. 41 **F.** Gen. 42

Life Application Questions:

1. What was your family of origin like? Did you struggle with any of the issues you read about in Joseph's family? Have you ever felt disqualified by your past?
2. Do you have any clarity about God's dream for your life? Do you believe He really has one and wants to help you discover and do it? What, if anything, are you doing to find it?
3. How important is godly character to you? What aspect of your character are you working on with God now? How could we help one another develop God's dream and character?