

# God-Given Dreams (Genesis 37:5-11)

*Keep Your Dream Alive – Part 2*

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*Acts 2:17 (NIV) In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's dream for your life

### A. Seek God in times of \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 28:10 (NIV) Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.*

*Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV) You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

### B. Seek God for \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 28:12-13 (NIV) He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.*

*Genesis 28:15 (NIV) I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.*

*Genesis 28:20-22 (NIV) Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking ... so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God ... and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."*

## 2. God gives \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 37:5-6 (NIV) 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:*

### A. Dreams come in \_\_\_\_\_ ways

*Genesis 37:7 (NIV) 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."*

### B. Dreams come to those \_\_\_\_\_ God

*Genesis 37:8 (NIV) His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.*

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ onto your dream

*Genesis 37:9 (NIV) 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."*

### A. Your dream will face \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 37:10 (NIV) When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"*

### B. Your dream will \_\_\_\_\_ you

*Genesis 37:11 (NIV) His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.*

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Intro. Why do you think that some people believe God no longer does miracles or speaks to people in our day (cessationism)?

How would you show from the Bible that God still works supernaturally today (Acts 2:17)?

How should you test something you believe God has communicated to you (Galatians 1:8)?

1A. Why is it important to seek God's dream(s) for your life (Jeremiah 29:13)?

1B. Describe why Jacob had to leave home (Genesis 27:41-28:10). Why do you think that Jacob really needed to hear God's dream for his life at this time?

1C. What was the content of Jacob's dream (Genesis 28:12-16)? How did Jacob respond to his dream (Genesis 28:20-22)?

1D. What is God's dream for your education, career or retirement?

2A. What was happening in Joseph's life that prompted God to give him dreams (Genesis 37:1-6)?

2B. What was the meaning of Joseph's dream (Genesis 37:7)? How do you think this dream encouraged Joseph at this time in his life?

2C. What was Joseph's brothers reaction to his dream (Genesis 37:8)? How would you contrast the spiritual condition of Joseph and his brothers at the time?

2D. What is God's dream for your ministry with your church?

3A. Why do you think that God gave Joseph a second dream (Genesis 37:9)?

3B. Why do you think that God-given dreams usually encounter opposition (Genesis 37:10)?

3C. In what ways do you think that Joseph's dreams encouraged him as he faced a multitude of trials in his life (Genesis 37:11)?

3D. What is God's dream for your family? How can you receive greater clarity on God's dreams for your life?