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Title: **What is your Dream?**

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There are dreams that God bestows on us... dreams for your family, dreams for your future, dreams for your church. Tragic as it may seem, some dreams are never realised. The problem is not with the dream, however, but with the dreamer. Someone has written, "*The dream never dies, only the dreamer.*"

Do you have a dream? How can you keep your dreams alive?

### **Introduction to Joseph's Life**

- **Joseph was a favoured son** (*Genesis 37:3*)
- **Joseph was a hated brother** (*Genesis 37:4*)
- **Joseph was a dreamer** (*Genesis 37:5-11*)

So Joseph was a dreamer! Now, what would the dreamer say to us today if he were here?

### **THERE ARE SOME PIT-STOPPS ON THE WAY TO THE PALACE**

The journey to your God-given dream's destination will mean walking through some valleys?

Look what happened to Joseph?

- His own brothers sold him into slavery (*Genesis 37:12-28*)
- He became the slave of an Egyptian official (*Genesis 39:1*)
- He was falsely accused of sexual molestation (*Genesis 39:11-18*)
- He was thrown into prison (*Genesis 39:19-20*)
- His hope to get out of prison was dashed when a man he helped forgot about him and he spent another two years in the dungeon. (*Genesis 39:20-23*)

**Some valleys may be of your own making** (cf. *Genesis 39:11-12*)

**Some valleys may be of God's choosing** (cf. *Genesis 41:1-14*)

**Some valleys may be caused by Satan?** (cf. *John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8*)

**More often these valleys are simply a combination of all three.**

**Romans 8:28** (NKJV): "28 ...and we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose."

Certainly this was the case with Joseph. He would tell us that the journey to your God-given dream's destination will mean walking through some valleys. BUT when you persevere you WILL get there!

**Hebrews 12:2-3** (NKJV): "2 ...*looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*"

**WHAT YOU DO IN THE PITS INFLUENCES HOW LONG YOU'LL STAY THERE!**

While it is true that there are some pit-stops on the way to the palace; it is equally true that the length of time you spend in those valleys depend on what *you do!*

Listen to what the Bible says about Joseph and what he did in Potiphar's household.

**Genesis 39:2-6** (NKJV): "2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. 4 So Joseph found favour in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all *that* he had he put under his authority. 5 So it was, from the time *that* he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. 6 Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance."

Joseph chose integrity over giving up and giving in. He was rising out of the pit in which he found himself because his attitude and actions reflected his integrity (cf. Genesis 39:8-10; 20-23, Genesis 40).

What you do in the pit influences how long you stay there...**even the deepest valleys can turn into the highest mountains when you make the right choices.**

**WHEN YOU REACH THE PALACE, DON'T FORGET WHO PUT YOU THERE!!**

Joseph said these words...

Genesis 45:4-9 (NKJV): "4 And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry."

When your God-given dreams get realized don't ever forget who gave them to you in the first place! Remember to glorify God for the fulfilment of His dream for your life... the dream He has given you?

## CONCLUSION

- What is your dream? What dreams has God given you for your life, your family, your home, your church?

Don't let the valley become the grave of your dream. Instead let it be a step to its fulfilment!