

## **God's Dream Your Reality** **Week 2 - Revelation**

Life's three greatest questions:

- 1) The question of existence – why am I alive?
- 2) The question of significance – does my life matter?
- 3) The question of intention – what is my purpose?

*It is important for us to have dreams for our lives. It is even more important to know that God has dreams for us?*

God's dream for our lives may be different than our dreams for our lives!

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT) "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. **9** For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT) That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

1 Corinthians 2:10 (NLT) But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

**Matthew 16:15-18 (NLT)** Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17** Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. **18** Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Spiritually discerned

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When the relationship stops growing the revelation stops flowing

**1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)** The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are **spiritually discerned**.

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#### We have the mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:16 (NIV) "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Jesus – others dream for Him to overthrow the government – God's dream his government would be everlasting.

Saul's dream was to destroy the church – God's dream was to use Paul to build the church.

Joseph – His dream was to rule over his brothers – God's dream was for him to rule over nations.

#### Joseph's dreams 37:5-11

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: <sup>7</sup> 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."

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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."

<sup>10</sup> 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?" <sup>11</sup> His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

#### Jacob sends Joseph to visit his brothers, They conspire his death 37:12-22

<sup>19</sup> "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> "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."

Joseph's brothers sell him 37:23-30

Jacob deceived, Joseph sold to Potiphar 37:31-36

Joseph preferred by Potiphar 39:1-6

<sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, <sup>4</sup> Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

Joseph resists temptation 39:7-12

So he left in Joseph's care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, <sup>7</sup> and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

<sup>8</sup> But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. <sup>9</sup> No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup> And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

Joseph is falsely accused by his mistress 39:13-18

He is cast into prison; God is with him there 39:19-23

<sup>20</sup> Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, <sup>21</sup> the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. <sup>22</sup> So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.

<sup>23</sup> The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

The chief butler and baker of Pharaoh in prison, their dreams interpreted by Joseph 40:1-19

20 Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: 21 He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand, 22 but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation.

23 The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams 41:9-32

Joseph's counsel, He is highly advanced 41:33-45

41 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." 42 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. 43 He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, <sup>□</sup> and men shouted before him, "Make way <sup>□</sup>!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

44 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt." 45 Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.

46 Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt.

Joseph's children, the beginning of the famine 41:46-57

Jacob sends ten sons to buy corn 42:1-6

Joseph's treatment of his brothers 42:7-20

Joseph's reception of his brothers, their fears 43:15-25

Joseph makes a feast for his brothers 43:26-34

Joseph meets his father and his brothers 46:28-34

Genesis 50:19-21 (NIV) But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"

**20** You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. **21** So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Give your life to God; he can do more with it than you can!  
- Dwight L. Moody

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Living In Revelation – An Intimate Growing Relationship with God

Prayer  
Time in the Word  
Quality Time – intimacy  
Faithfulness  
Obedience

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