



**GOD SPEAKS TO YOU THROUGH DREAMS**  
GEN. 37:5-11

*What is a dream?*

It is: "a strong desire growing inside us to accomplish something specific in life"

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**Gen 37:5-11**

Here is a wonderful example of how God showed his divine plan for a young man through a dream.



**DREAMS ARE ONE OF GOD'S MANY WAYS TO APPROACH US**  
ROM. 8:16

His thought = Our thought  
The Holy Spirit speaks to us through dreams

His desire = Our desire  
He gives us pictures in our mind...

His dream = Our dream  
...and desires in our heart

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These desires are the Holy Spirit at work, sowing into us what God the Father wants to communicate.

By this he makes sure that we are committed to his plans and will cooperate with him.

*The Bible says – Rom. 8:16 (NKJV)*

*"The Spirit bears witness with our spirit"*

What God wants to communicate to us will be transmitted by the Holy Spirit into our spirit.

Then the Holy Spirit and our spirit will completely agree and share the same "feeling" (bear witness).



**2. LET THE DREAM CAPTURE YOU**

- ⊙ Means "to bind firmly"
- ⊙ You can't get the dream out of your mind
- ⊙ You don't have the dream, the dream has you

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You are captured by the dream, and you don't want to do anything else whatsoever, other than fulfill that dream.

This is a way we can recognize a true dream.

## A DREAM MIGHT ABSORB YOU LITTLE BY LITTLE

- ⊖ A wish / a desire
- ⊖ Prayer / Meditation
- ⊖ "Hunger", a strong drive
- 📖 Prov. 29:18
- 💬 *You don't want to do anything else whatsoever*

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*When the wish or desire is prayed over and meditated on, it starts growing into a hunger, a strong inner drive that compels us to make it happen. All your energy, all your resources are directed towards fulfilling that dream.*

*That is why dreams are so vital. They are the fuel in life. Without vision you'll go nowhere*

*The Bible says – Prov. 29:18 (NKJV)*

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish".*

*So many people's lives produce nothing, because they have no vision for their lives. They just walk around in circles their whole life long.*

## 3. DREAMS SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

THEY FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN BECOME

- ⊖ Not what you have
- ⊖ Not what you are
- 📖 Jer. 29:11
- ⊖ God wants to give you a good future and a hope
- ⊖ Think like God thinks

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*God's thoughts for you are peaceful*

He wants to give you a good future and a hope.

*The Bible says – Jer. 29:11 (NKJV)*

*11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope".*

So for you to expect a bright future is to think in accordance with the mind and plans of God.

## DREAMS RELEASE A CAPACITY IN US

THEY FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN BECOME

- ⊖ Dreams deal with what is impossible or seems to be impossible
- ⊖ Moves the hand of God in our lives
- ⊖ Make the impossible possible
- ⊖ Change the course of individuals and nations

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*The whole history of mankind has been formed by the dreams of individuals.*

The power of dreams created the ancient kingdoms, gave rise to the modern inventions and has put man on the moon.

## 9. Dreams and visions

### 4. DREAMS ARE FOR EVERY AREA IN YOUR LIFE

- ⊕ Your dream express your faith
- ⊕ God works through your faith
  - 🗨 *What do you see?*
  - 🗨 *What can you imagine?*
- 📖 Gen. 11:6
- ⊕ If you can see it, you can have it!
- ⊕ If you can imagine it, you can do it!



God put a dream in Joseph's heart - to become a businessman - and through the fulfillment of that dream he saved the nation of Egypt from starvation.

***So certainly, you too can have a dream for every area of your life!***

*The Bible says - Gen 11:6 (NKJV)*

*"...nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them"*

An important part of dreaming is to imagine - to make a clear picture inside of us.

### DREAMS VISUALIZE THINGS IN YOUR MIND AND HEART

#### FAITH = SEEING WITH THE EYES OF YOUR HEART

- 📖 Eph. 1:18    📖 2 Cor. 4:18
- ⊕ A clear picture in your mind: "I want to achieve..."
- ⊕ You nourish it
- ⊕ Substance = FAITH
- 📖 Hebr. 11:1



*That substance is what the Bible calls faith (Hebr. 11:1).*

*When you can imagine*

*faith will follow*

*and where there is faith, God moves.*

*Do you want to achieve something in life?*

Then your ability to imagine and make a clear picture in your mind for what you want to achieve is crucial to get results.

### 5. DARE TO DESIRE

WHAT DO YOU WANT?



- 📖 Phil. 2:13
- ⊕ Not - "What might GOD desire?"
- ⊕ He works through our will and desires

If we have fully committed our lives to Jesus, he will be able to easily work through our will and desires.

*The Bible says - Phil.2:13 (NKJV)*

*"For it is God who works in you both **to will** and **to do** for his good pleasure"*

*Faith is actually born out of desires*

Of course we are not talking about evil desires.

Good and pure desire is the starting point for both dreams and faith.

**No desire - no dream - no faith**



**JESUS ENCOURAGES US TO FOCUS ON WHAT WE WANT**


- ☉ If we don't know what we want, God can't bless us
- 📖 Ps. 37:4
- ☉ Brush aside all negative feelings and thoughts
- 📖 The picture in your mind must be specific

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**Read:** Mark 10:46-52

Dreams can actually develop if we allow them to, and when we expand the borders of what we think is possible, God will move according to our beliefs.



**6. WRITE DOWN YOUR DREAMS**  
STUDIES SHOWS THE STRONG EFFECT

- ☉ Example - Study - University students
  - ☉ 3% - clear goals - written down
  - ☉ 10% - goals - only in their minds
  - ☉ 60% - general dreams and goals
  - ☉ 27% - no idea at all
- 📖 Hab. 2:2-3



*The Bible says - Hab. 2:2-3 (NKJV)*

*"Then the Lord answered me and said: Write down the vision and make it **plain** on tablets, that he may run who reads it"*

Many studies on this subject have been carried out, some at very prestigious universities.

All if them underline the effect of writing down your dreams and goals.



**6. WRITE DOWN YOUR DREAMS**  
RESULT AFTER 20 YEARS

- ☉ Their fortune was bigger than that of all the other 97% put together
  - ☉ 3% - clear goals - written down
- ☉ You make a contract with yourself
  - 📖 Make it specific and easy to understand
  - 📖 Keep it where you'll see it often
  - 📖 Read it regularly



When you write down your dream and define it, you are giving your life a clear direction.  
It is a creative proclamation.

By constantly repeating and reminding yourself of your dream, you are feeding the dream substance in your heart.

## 7. BEWARE OF DREAM KILLERS

- 1** **Past experiences**  
How do you manage them?
- 1** **Past or present social environment**  
Invisible walls?
- 1** **Condemnation**  
Rom 8:31
- 1** **Caution**  
Dare think big and beautiful
- 1** **Attitudes of other people**  
God is your source, not man

### Who is your source?

You must always understand where the source for the fulfillment of your dream is. It is God and not man.

As with Joseph, dreamers are often questioned in the beginning and praised in the end.

You must have confidence in two persons to be able to succeed: **God and yourself!**

## 8. TESTING YOUR DREAMS

### YOUR CONVICTION

- ⊕ **A sinful dream?**  
Against what God has told you?
- ⊕ **Check your heart**
  - a) Do you really desire this dream?
  - b) Are you willing to do what it takes?
  - c) Do you believe it is possible?
- ⊕ **Ask God to sanction the dream**
  - a) Testimony by The Holy Spirit?
  - b) A scripture?

### Now dreams can't be taken easily if they are to come true

If you have passed all these tests, just go for it. An adventure lies ahead of you!

**If not**, commit yourself once and for all to the Lord, seeking first his kingdom and his righteousness.

**Prioritize God**, and He will inspire your dreams and desires

## 9. COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO THE DREAM

### ARE YOU WILLING TO DO WHAT IS REQUIRED?

**LUKE 14:28-30**  
Prepare  
"...first sit down and count the cost..."

**FULL HEART**  
No chicken out  
Every half-hearted attempt will lead to failure

**NO QUITTING**  
Full GO  
Quitters never win, and winners never quit

**SUCCESS =**  
90% attitude, 10% ability  
You can do it!

### The Bible says - Luke 14:28-30 (NKJV)

*"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it – lest after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'this man began to build and was not able to finish'"*

**A smaller dream that you fulfill will get you greater satisfaction than a big dream that you don't fulfill.**

We don't have to ask if it is possible to fulfill a certain dream or not, because God can make all things possible.

The crucial question is: "Am I willing to pay the price or not?"