



Part 1: Shattered Dreams Sermon Notes

Genesis 37

We have all been at the place where we feel like, “All my dreams have been shattered.”

How important is the life of Joseph in Genesis? Commentator John Phillips says it best: “One quarter of Genesis is devoted to Joseph. God dismisses the creation of the universe in five words...He made the stars also, but He devotes chapter after chapter to the story of a man who was not even in the Messianic line.”

How do our dreams get shattered in life? In other words, what are warning signs we see in Genesis 37?

1. We Live in a State of Personal Preference (vs. 1-4)

Robe of Many Colors: Priesthood

*“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” Isaiah 61:10*

2. We Live in a Place of Rejection (vs. 5-11)

*“He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.” Isaiah 63:3*

“But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” Mark 6:4

Do we feel as though our dreams are shattered because our dreams never included surrendering to the complete Lordship of Christ over our lives?

3. We Take Matters Into Our Own Hands (vs. 12-36)

POINT: Jesus was sent to take matters into His own hands!

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” 1 Timothy 1:15

POINT: Broken lives lead to broken dreams!

Will you take your life out of your hands and place it in the hands of God?

“It is very sweet, as life passes by, to be able to look back on dark and mysterious events, and to trace the hand of God where we once saw only the malice and cruelty of man.” -F.B. Meyer



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