



Genesis:

What Dreams of Me May Come

Genesis 37

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Genesis 37:1-8 TEXT

The unique nature of pride is that it is self-blinding; Scripture is our clear mirror.

What is pride?

An unnatural obsession with self.

Insensitivity to others.

Arrogance.

Scripture constantly reminds us that the problem is NOT out there.

The problem is our unregenerate and still-being-renewed heart.

The world needs the unique, newly created, redeemed, Spirit-filled you.

Abraham's family has struggle with so much sin

It's the same family that God uses to show his glory and power, to point people to God's goodness and to offer salvation to the world

Who else can you risk trusting your life on except the God we see in Genesis?

Only Jesus is worthy our life and trust and daily worship!

1 Cor. 1:19-22 TEXT

Genesis 37:19' 23-36 TEXT

How will Joseph be rescued? Or us when we fall into loss and despair?
Don't think you need rescue most from:

Circumstances.

Others.

Or others to be rescued.

Think about your rescue from YOU.

The root of Joseph's sin seems to be idolatry of himself.
Passed on from Adam, in a specific family way to Joseph.
Jacob loves Joseph most!

What happens when the objects of our idolatrous loves begin to believe what we've been telling them?

That they are most special, that they deserve all good things?

They start seeing themselves in even greater ways than we do. (self-delusion and indulgence)

Satan is behind it, but not the biggest problem for them to face.

Sin is the problem.

Don't hyper focus on "generational curses".

Focus on generational sins/sin patterns.

God, give me clarity and self-honesty about the sins I'm passing on.

God, give me courage and perseverance to stop passing on those sins/idols.

So much of the Bible is full of people's journey AFTER salvation being sold into slavery was:

God's grace to teach Joseph the perils of his pride and God's ability to keep his promises.

God's way to prepare Joseph for God's calling on his life.

Completely compatible with God's good plans

God wants Joseph in Egypt!

It's easy to look at our torn robe, pit, betrayers, unrealized dreams, and conclude we're a failure and so is God.

Trust and pursue the change that God is working in you.

Confront your pride; don't accuse God of being unkind or inept.

Live like things are working out as God has arranged them and do not sin.

In your suffering, God is not an observer or responder.

He is sovereign, good and the author of your life and salvation.

Jesus is in this story!

Joseph- undeserved, unqualified, not in right relationship with father, unwilling sufferer.

Jesus was everything Joseph wasn't so we can have a coat, the love of God, and the assurance of God's goodness.

Jesus was willing to suffer and sacrifice so all of us who don't deserve it can be near to God!

Speak truth to your own heart- this pit is not the end!

Pray to God:

Save me from me.

Save me from prideful dreaming.

Forgive me for my self-obsession.

Fix my heart on Jesus and his purposes for me.

Wholly make me into the new me you have for me.

James 4:6 TEXT