LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service
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JOSEPH: God Meant It for Good

Lesson Two • Genesis 37:1-12-36

When Dreams Become Nightmares

God may never answer your "*why" questions,* but *Genesis 37:12-36* does tell us *"what"* to do when God allows our dreams – *even His dreams for our lives* – to become nightmares.

Joseph in Genesis 37: 1-11

- A ***faithful servant*** to his father: *Reported his brother's bad behavior!*
- A ***favored son*** by his father: *Given a royal-like robe of honor!*
- A ***future sovereign*** over his entire family: *Chosen by God to rule over all!*

Have Your Dreams Become Nightmares? Is Your Life in the Pit?

Faith Commitments When Dreams Become Nightmares

1. CULTIVATE Faithful Obedience: *God Cares!* *(37:12-17)*

The Favored Son's Faithful Obedience

- The **EAGERNESS** of faithful obedience. *(v. 13)*

- The **CHALLENGE** of faithful obedience. *(v. 14)*

Doing the right things does not exempt you from hard things!

- The **PERSEVERANCE** of faithful obedience. *(vv. 15-17)*

2. MEDITATE on God's Sovereignty: *God Is in Control!* (37:18-30)

"his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind." (v. 11)

God's Sovereign Control Over the Unfaithful

- Reuben the **FAILING** firstborn shows some mercy. *(vv. 21-25a, 29-30)*
- Judah the **FLAWED** leader shows some mercy. *(vv. 25-28)*

"Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt." (v. 28b)

On What Should You Meditate?

God's promises to you in Christ! *Acts 4:24-31; Romans 8:28-30*

3. ANTICIPATE the Far-Reaching Consequences of Choices: *Our Choices Matter!* *(37:31-35)*

Choices Have Consequences

- Brothers chose to **DECEIVE** their father about their choice to destroy his favored son. *(vv. 31-32)*

- Jacob chose to favor one son like an **IDOL**. *(vv. 33-35)*

- Joseph **WISELY** chose to make these faith commitments *before, during,* and *after* his nightmare in the pit!

What Will You Choose When Dreams Become Nightmares?

We All Have a "Meanwhile" to Ponder in the Pit by Faith!

"Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard." (v. 36)

Joseph Foreshadows Jesus as God's Eternally Favored Son, Sinlessly Faithful Servant, and Savingly Future Sovereign!

1. Jesus is favored by God the Father as the eternal Son of God and sinless Son of Man.
2. Jesus was tempted in all ways like us yet without sin as His Father's faithful Servant
3. Jesus was hated for His favored status and faithful service by His own people.
4. Jesus was sold into betrayal, stripped, and beaten by the ungodly and the unfaithful.
5. Jesus was forsaken, crucified, and cast into the pit of death.
6. Jesus was stripped naked of His robe and mocked for being who God destined Him to be: *King of the Jews Over All Nations – Hebrew, Latin, and Greek!*
7. Jesus was raised from the dead, exalted to His Father's right hand in heaven, and given all authority in heaven, on earth, and under the earth!
8. Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to save His people, be with them in the pit, and see them through every nightmare!

Jesus is the ***better Joseph*** who ***cultivated*** sinless obedience, ***meditated*** on God's revealed promises even on the cross, and ***anticipated*** the joy set before Him, so He ***chose*** to endure the cross to save sinners and sanctify His people!