



## Dream Again

In this first episode of the Live Again series, you are challenged to consider when you traded your vision-driven life for a barely getting by mentality. Proverbs 29:18 says that where there is no vision, the people perish. This idea that dreamlessness leads to death is sobering. If you are like many of us, the part of your heart that dreams for things bigger than

yourself may have died to disappointment over the years. So in this sermon, we do a deep dive into four ways you can begin to dream again. We begin in Genesis 37:3-11, where we find Joseph being introduced to the dream God gave him for his life. Despite the doubts, words of ridicule, and outright abuse Joseph endured from his family and many others throughout his story, Joseph's commitment to God made manifest the plan for his life that he once dreamt of as a seventeen year old boy.

### Introduction

1. "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." This was a quote by Pablo \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Acts 2:17 (NIV) In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on ALL people. Your sons and daughters will \_\_\_\_\_, and your young men will see \_\_\_\_\_, and your old men will dream \_\_\_\_\_.

### Dare to Dream

3. What are the 5 characteristics of a God dream?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
4. What is not a God dream?
  - a.
  - b.
5. Because you are a created being, you are a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. If you can fulfill your dream without God, your dream isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

### Declare your Dream

7. Genesis 37:5 Joseph had a dream, and when he \_\_\_\_\_ it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.
8. Genesis 37:9 Then he had another dream, and he \_\_\_\_\_ it to his brothers.

9. Proverbs 18:21 There is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the power of the tongue.  
10. The vulnerability you experience when you declare your dream to other people is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Draft your Dream

11. What are the 4 Do's of drafting your dream?  
a.  
b.  
c.  
d.
12. What are the 2 Don't's of drafting your dream?  
a.  
b.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ to your faith but \_\_\_\_\_ to the manifestation of God's reality in your life.
14. Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably \_\_\_\_\_ than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
15. Immeasurably more means God is \_\_\_\_\_ going to do what you imagined.

### Defend your Dream

16. Your biggest dream killer is \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Joseph defended against:  
a. Temptation with \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Unbelief with \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Adversity with \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Resentment with \_\_\_\_\_  
e. Ego with \_\_\_\_\_
18. Joseph didn't follow his dream. He followed \_\_\_\_\_. And when he followed \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_ followed him.

### Reflection

1. Can you believe God again for something bigger than you? Do you dare?
2. Are you connected to a spiritual support group with whom you can declare your dreams?
3. Do you have a draft of your God dream written somewhere?
4. What areas of your character do you need to develop to defend against the dream killer in you?

#### Answer Key:

(1) Picasso (2) prophecy, visions, dreams (3a) compelling vision that drives you toward something that is too big to accomplish on your own (3b) a picture of what *could* be (3c) a picture of what *should* be (3d) blesses you (3e) expands the kingdom (4a) goal (4b) plan (5) creator (6) from, God (7) told (8) told (9) life, death (10) transformational (11a) date it (11b) detail it (11c) deadline it (11d) devote it (12a) don't die on your dream's first draft (12b) don't depreciate the disappointment (13) hold, tightly, hold, loosely (14) more (15) not (16) you (17a) integrity (17b) faith (17c) perseverance (17d) forgiveness (17d) influence (18) God, God, dreams