

talk it *over*

dreamer // week one

Key Scripture

Genesis 37.1-11

Key Points

Joseph was from a dysfunctional family.

No matter what your dysfunction has been, God can use you, and you CAN have a dream that matters.

The heroes from the Bible, and Christians today are connected by one thing - GRACE.

It ALL starts with Grace.

Greatness begins with a dream.

Takeaway

Joseph was given a dream, despite the dysfunction.

GROW-

Genesis 42 // Romans 9.10-18

LIVE-

Joseph, a young man of seventeen... Israel loved Joseph more than any of his others sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more... And they hated him all the more because of his dream... When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. Joseph was in the middle of a setup. For a younger brother to declare that the older ones would serve him was outrageous, but not unheard of. In fact, when Israel's mother was pregnant with Israel and Esau, the LORD told her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." So this role reversal where the older serves the younger was not foreign to Israel. He had lived it. But the favoritism Israel showed Joseph only fueled the dysfunction, the hate and jealousy the older brothers felt towards their younger brother. Still it was a setup. The dream Joseph was given was a setup to a greater salvation God was planning.

LOOK-

Do you have a dream? Do you come from dysfunction?

Do you think your dream is dead because of your dysfunction?

LOVE-

Jesus created all things for His glory. Every moment, every opportunity, every breath there is the potential to praise Him for who He is and what He has done. The choice on the table for us each and every day is whether or not we trust and praise Him as who He says He is, or settle for our broken story, and fail to see the setup for His glory.