

talk it *over*

dreamer // week two

Key Scripture

Genesis 37.12-30

Key Points

1. The dreamer is not ready for the dream.
2. God's timing is not right for the dream.
3. God's purpose is bigger than the dream.

Takeaway- Joseph's wandering was a setup in God's will.

GROW-

Psalm 121 // Matthew 21.33-46

LIVE-

Now [Joseph's] brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams. Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood. His brothers agreed. So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. Joseph was a wandering dreamer. The text records him wandering in the fields; meaning his arrival to his brothers was delayed by his drifting. But that's what dreamers do, they wander. They roam. They take the scenic route. They are late to the party. It's how God designed the dreamer. For Joseph this desire to wander and dream was more than a personality trait, it was part of God's plan. God was setting the scene to deliver Joseph's family from famine but first God needed Joseph to land in Egypt. And to do that, Joseph had to wander a little on the way to meeting his brothers. Because of this God ordained delay, Joseph and the Ishmaelites arrived at just the right time. What some see as a setback, God would use as a setup for His glory.

LOOK-

How has God designed you? Are you a dreamer? Are you a wanderer? Are you someone who feels delayed? After reading Joseph's story do you see this as a burden or a blessing? Do you see the setup in your set back?

LOVE-

Jesus came at just the right time to deliver us from a life of sin, and an eternity of separation from God. His death was part of a divine plan to bring glory to Himself, and freedom to all those who believe. The Cross was meant as a setback to the cause, but in reality it was God's perfect a setup for the Christ.