

SC Church 3.8.2026

Dreams
Big Dreams

- A. Pre-Intro:
- a. Chapel Update
- B. Intro: What are some of your Big Dreams?
- C. Big Idea: God’s Big Dreams are inside each of Us.
- D. Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4 NLT – So Jacob settled again in the land of Canaan, where his father had lived as a foreigner. ² This is the account of Jacob and his family. When Joseph was seventeen years old, he often tended his father’s flocks. He worked for his half brothers, the sons of his father’s wives Bilhah and Zilpah. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing. ³ Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. ⁴ But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn’t say a kind word to him.
- E. What do we know about the dreams God gives us?
- a. God gives dreams to Imperfect people in our Imperfect World
 - i. Genesis 37:3-4 NLT – ³ Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. ⁴ But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn’t say a kind word to him.
 - ii. Proverbs 10:12 NLT – ¹² Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses.
 - iii. James 3:15-16 NLT – ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.
 - iv. Jeremiah 29:11 NLT – ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
 - b. Not everyone can handle the Dreams God gives Us
 - i. Genesis 37:5-11 NLT – ⁵ One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. ⁶ “Listen to this dream,” he said. ⁷ “We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!” ⁸ His brothers responded, “So you think you will be our king, do you?”

Do you actually think you will reign over us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them.⁹ Soon Joseph had another dream, and again he told his brothers about it. “Listen, I have had another dream,” he said. “The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before me!”¹⁰ This time he told the dream to his father as well as to his brothers, but his father scolded him. “What kind of dream is that?” he asked. “Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow to the ground before you?”¹¹ But while his brothers were jealous of Joseph, his father wondered what the dreams meant.

- ii. Habbakuk 2:2-3 NLT – ² Then the Lord said to me, “Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. ³ This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

c. The Enemy wants to kill God’s Dreams

- i. Genesis 37:18-25 NLT – ¹⁸ When Joseph’s brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him. ¹⁹ “Here comes the dreamer!” they said. ²⁰ “Come on, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, ‘A wild animal has eaten him.’ Then we’ll see what becomes of his dreams!” ²¹ But when Reuben heard of their scheme, he came to Joseph’s rescue. “Let’s not kill him,” he said. ²² “Why should we shed any blood? Let’s just throw him into this empty cistern here in the wilderness. Then he’ll die without our laying a hand on him.” Reuben was secretly planning to rescue Joseph and return him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph arrived, his brothers ripped off the beautiful robe he was wearing. ²⁴ Then they grabbed him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then, just as they were sitting down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of camels in the distance coming toward them. It was a group of Ishmaelite traders taking a load of gum, balm, and aromatic resin from Gilead down to Egypt.
- ii. John 10:10 NIV – ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
- iii. 1 Peter 5:8 NLT – ⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

F. Close: What dreams is God stirring in your heart?

- a. Zechariah 4:10a NLT – ¹⁰ Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin...
- b. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: Zechariah 4:10a NLT – ¹⁰Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin...
- ii. Think: What dreams has God been stirring in my heart?
- iii. Action: Write it down and tell a trusted follower of Jesus.