



The Notes

The Dream and the Dreamer

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Story Arc:
1-Exposition
2-Rising Action
3-Climax
4-Redemption

DREAMS ARE STORIES THAT HAVEN'T HAPPENED YET.

1. ...DREAMS.

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"One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. "Listen to this dream," he said. "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!" "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. 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!" 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?” But while his brothers were jealous of Joseph, his father wondered what the dreams meant.”

Genesis 37:5-11

**DREAMS ARE ALWAYS EXCITING FOR THE DREAMER
JUST AS THE STORY BEGINS.**

2. ... DISSAPOINTMENT: A DREAM DEFERRED.

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Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain by killing our brother? We’d have to cover up the crime. Instead of hurting him, let’s sell him to those Ishmaelite traders. After all, he is our brother—our own flesh and blood!” And his brothers agreed. So when the Ishmaelites, who were Midianite traders, came by, Joseph’s brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver. And the traders took him to Egypt.

Some time later, Reuben returned to get Joseph out of the cistern. When he discovered that Joseph was missing, he tore his clothes in grief.

Genesis 37:26-29 (NLT)

“When she saw that she was holding his cloak and he had fled, she called out to her servants. Soon all the men came running. “Look!” she said. “My husband has brought this Hebrew slave here to make fools of us! He came into my room to rape me, but I screamed. When he heard me scream, he ran outside and got away, but he left his cloak behind with me.”

She kept the cloak with her until her husband came home. Then she told him her story. “That Hebrew slave you’ve brought into our house tried to come in and fool around with me,” she said. “But when I screamed, he ran outside, leaving his cloak with me!”

Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife’s story about how Joseph had treated her. So he took Joseph and threw

him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.

Genesis 39:13-21 (NLT)

THE TWISTS AND TURNS, ALONG WITH THE BUMPS AND BRUISES IN LIFE, ARE SHAPING US AND POSITIONING US, WITHOUT US KNOWING, INTO THE HEROES WE HAVE YET TO BECOME.

3. ... DON'T QUIT ON THE ONE WHO CREATES AND INTERPRETS DREAMS.

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"After they had been in custody for some time, each of the two men—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison—had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, "Why do you look so sad today?" "We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."'"

Genesis 40:4a-8 (NIV)

THE FUNDAMENTAL OF FAITHFULNESS IS NOT GIVING UP.

4. ...DREAMS COME TRUE; GOD'S WAY, GOD'S TIMING, GOD'S PURPOSE.

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“I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

Genesis 45:4a-7 (NLT)

God understands the dreams that He has given us better than we do. We trust him when it doesn’t make sense because his purpose will prevail.

Stop the story before the redemption and you are left with a story that doesn’t make sense.

But when God gives dreams, He is in charge of what they mean. And the story He wants to tell.