



Dreams to Destiny

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FAMILY TREE. Abraham—> Issac—> Jacob—> Joseph.

- Jacob had 12 sons and 1 daughter with 4 women.
 - Two wives- Leah and Rachel (Sisters)
 - Two concubines- Bilhah and Zilpah. (Vs2)
- Joseph was Rachel's first child. Rachel was also Jacob's favorite wife.

JOSEPH: Dreams to Destiny.

But there's a difference between our dreams and our destiny...

- A dream is more about what we will do... achieve... accomplish.
- A destiny is about who we must become in the process.

Joseph's story helps us surrender our dreams so God can fulfill our destiny.

FOCUS. Dreams are about what we do. Destiny is about who we become.

DREAMS. What we want to do. 5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

First- Joseph's dream is all about how he's going to rule over his family.

The brothers response is no surprise. 8 His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Secondly- it's all about his greatness. Everyone bowing down to him... 9 Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

Dreams aren't bad... but they're incomplete. Even the ones given BY GOD!

They're focused on the fulfilling, great, amazing things we'll do.

They give us the spark and inspiration to move forward.

God loves to inspire our life with dreams...

1. Joel 2:28 I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.



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Here's a startling truth... 1) We don't need God to fulfill a dream... 2) Not all dreams are from God.

Plenty of people have fulfilled their career dreams, family dreams, financial dreams... only to find they don't know God any more than when they started.

Only God can fulfill your destiny because destiny is about WHO YOU ARE MEANT TO BECOME!
... Only thru Jesus does that happen.

Why? Because only Jesus makes you a son and daughter of God.

- John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Only through Jesus do we learn to live out of God's grace as his children.

How do we know if our dreams are from God? That takes us to our next point.

DESTINY. Who we must become. 2 This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. 4 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.

The gap between our dreams and our destiny is our character.

Robert Morris has this great line. "You will never have a destiny bigger than your character."

Ever wonder why God is so stubbornly committed to working through us! Because its by working through us he changes and transforms us.

God is far more concerned with who we become than what we achieve.

Of course He does have important things to do through you... that perhaps only you can do because God has entrusted it to you.



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Eph 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do... NLT Masterpiece.

God has prepared a destiny for you...

That destiny is distinct and bigger but related to the good things we will do...

That destiny is about becoming God's masterpiece... a one-of-a-kind...

That destiny is "immeasurably more than you could ever ask or imagine."