

# Dare to Dream Again

Sermon Series: Joseph: When Dreams Are Deferred

Genesis 37:1-36

## **FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU!**

- ❶ Having a dream is not an excuse for behaving badly.

Genesis 37:1-11

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Genesis 37:12-20

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2. As you look back on your life, are there any hard times, mistakes or disasters that you now see God has used to shape you into who you are today and the influence you have on others?

3. Wouldn't it have been great if someone could have pointed out to Joseph how his actions were affecting his relationship with his brothers? Identify the behaviors in the verses below that, at times, people may not be able to see in their own lives.

Proverbs 29:11 Proverbs 29:20 Proverbs 27:14

Proverbs 11:13 Proverbs 13:10 Proverbs 15:27

What might be some subtle signs that a person is struggling with these issues?

Which of the behaviors would be easiest for you to fall into and how would you want someone to help you become aware of it?

4. Peter is a great example of someone who wanted to do the right thing and thought he understood God's agenda, but at times missed the mark. How is this revealed in the following passages?

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John 13:33-38

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