

A Vision for All Seasons

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*"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.**" Joel 2:28-29*

The Sustaining Power of God's Vision

The power of what God provides is His vision for us. **He has vision for us in every season of life, and it is a great sustaining power in our lives.**

Be a Person of His Vision

A vision is when God puts a desire in your heart for what He wants you to do. **That is quite different from what I want me to do.**

A vision given by God are kingdom dreams, unless we have a kingdom mindset, we will miss the whole point of His dream altogether.

The purpose of your life is _____ than you.

Unfortunately many people will never consider visions or dreams unless it is all about them. The greatest gift a dream from God gives is this; **a significant life, as you serve God by serving others.**

Another Dimension of Vision Ephesians 1:17-18

At the heart of what Paul writes to them is: **I am praying that you would see His hopes, not the hopelessness that is around you, have your eyes opened to His vision, not the enemy's delusion.**

What We Can Learn from the Dreams of Joseph

Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed." Genesis 37:5-6

Joseph soon learned that when you **proclaim** things that you are supposed to **ponder**, you create **problems**. (Gen. 37:5-36)

Joseph was young when he received the dream, and it took some time before his dream finally comes true. He was seventeen when he had his dreams, and was about thirty when they came to pass. (Genesis 41:46)

Core Point: What we need most in our lives is God's vision and plan in the midst of our current season we are in. We can perceive it, and plan based on what His vision is, and find the next step in His design!

God's dreams to Joseph required him to learn **patience and persistence**. **The bigger the dream the longer the gestation.** We must be patient to receive the promises of God and **even more patient** to see visions and dreams fulfilled.

God's dream for us is for our _____, so we should **slow down and get it right**. We are often in such a hurry for God to act that it is hard to see in the moment, but when we look back it becomes clear that He was working things together for good.

There is a process of refinement and renewal to a vision.

*For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. **Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come.** Hab 2:2-3. **Understanding timing is critical.***

When God gives a dream, **it's always beyond us**. It'll always be bigger than us, simply because it's from God.

Our integrity will be tested. (Genesis 39:7-21)

Difficult Things Joseph Learned about His Dreams

1. The journey will **take longer** than you hoped.
2. The **obstacles** will be more numerous than you believed.
3. There may be **a few detours** to your dream.
4. The **disappointments** will be greater than you expected.
5. The **lows** will be lower than you imagined.
6. The **price will be higher** than you anticipated.

Effort only releases its reward after a person refuses to quit.

~W. Clement Stone

Genesis 40-41

Help others with their dreams even when they seem to forget you. Expect people to forget you; hope that they remember God.

Helping others with their dreams **can be the key** to God fulfilling yours. Don't resist something that doesn't seem to benefit you.

Joseph also learned; What you get by seeing His vision fulfilled is not nearly as important as what you become by reaching it, as the promise is much greater than what you expected!

*God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; **and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.** Gen. 45:7-8*

Core Statement: I will receive the vision and the dreams God has for me. I know the dream will be resisted, but I choose to persevere. As His dream comes to pass, it will be something that will make a difference in the Kingdom!