

Here Comes the Dreamer!

Genesis 37:5–36 • Pastor Davenport

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Big Picture as we begin

- Joseph's dreams are bigger than his present circumstances.
- Jealousy turns comparison into hostility.
- God is working even when His work is out of our view.

Genesis 37:5–11 — The Dreams

- Joseph dreams of his brothers' sheaves bowing down.
- He dreams of the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowing down.
- His brothers hate him even more.
- Jacob rebukes Joseph—but keeps the matter in mind.

Discussion: The Dreams

- What do the dreams communicate?
- Why do the brothers react so strongly?
- Does the dream mean Joseph is better than his brothers?
- What does faith look like when God has not explained the outcome?

Key Takeaway

- God's promises are bigger than our present circumstances.
- Joseph sees the promise, but not the path.
- Faith trusts God's Word before the outcome is visible.

Genesis 37:12–24 — Here Comes the Dreamer

- The brothers see Joseph coming.
- “Here comes this dreamer!”
- They plot against him.
- Reuben intervenes.
- Joseph is thrown into a pit/cistern.

Discussion: The Pit

- What does the brothers' language reveal about their hearts?
- How has jealousy grown into hostility?
- What does the pit symbolize in the story?
- Where do you see the difference between human intentions and God's purposes?

Key Takeaway

- Sin turns comparison into hostility.
- Jealousy can become resentment, exclusion, and retaliation.
- God calls us to repentance and reconciliation.

Genesis 37:25–36 — Sold into Egypt

- The brothers sell Joseph to traveling merchants.
- They use his robe and animal blood to deceive Jacob.
- Jacob believes Joseph is dead and mourns.
- Joseph is taken to Egypt and sold to Potiphar.

Discussion: Where Is God?

- Does Joseph's situation look like the dreams are coming true?
- What would you ask God if you were Joseph?
- What does this chapter teach about God's hidden work?
- Can God be present even when circumstances look completely opposite to His promises?

Key Takeaway

- God can be working when we don't see it.
- Human evil is real—but it does not defeat God's purposes.
- God's providence does not make sin good; it means God is not overcome by sin.

Joseph and Jesus

- Joseph is a *type* of Jesus(see handout).
- Joseph is not Jesus, and not every detail is a direct prediction.
- Joseph is rejected and suffers within God's plan.
- Jesus is the greater fulfillment: rejected, crucified for sinners, and raised in victory.

When You Are in the “Pit”

- You may not understand what God is doing.
- You can still trust what God has promised.
- Look to Christ when circumstances make God’s goodness hard to see.

For Discussion

- Where do you most often struggle with comparison?
- How do you respond when God's promises seem far from your circumstances?
- How can you resist jealousy and rivalry?
- What does the cross teach us about suffering and God's purposes?

Closing Thoughts

- “Here comes the dreamer!” was meant as an insult.
- But Joseph’s story reminds us that God’s purposes are larger than what we can see.
- The pit is real. The suffering is real. But God is still at work.
- Trust the God who has already shown His faithfulness in Jesus.