

It's time to dream Gods dreams

A few months back I was praying and thanking God for my life and felt Him ask me a question. Are you ready to dream my dream for your life? I realised that the past had been great but it was passed and God had a new adventure ahead.

Isaiah 43:18-19 NLT

[18] "But forget all that- it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. [19] For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

Gods dreams are always bigger than our own.

It's time to dream Gods dreams, understand the the season and know what we should do.

Looking at Joseph's story

Genesis 37-45

- Joseph was one of Jacobs 12 sons
- Loved more than any other son (Genesis 37v3)
- God gives him 2 dreams
- His brothers are jealous of Joseph and hate him. They plot to kill him (Genesis 37v19)
- Instead he is sold and ends up as a slave in Egypt to Potiphar an officer to pharaoh.
- Falsely accused
- Put in prison
- Correctly interprets dreams for the cupbearer and baker in prison
- Pharaoh has two dreams and Joseph leaves the prison to interpret the dreams, 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine.
- Joseph is out in charge of Egypt aged 30yrs.

Gods dreams are big

Joseph dreamt Gods dreams

Between the dreams and the fulfilment was a mighty journey of suffering and wilderness.

- Joseph was loved and favoured
- Joseph suffered, was misunderstood, mistreated, falsely accused, imprisoned etc.

Jesus people are not promised an easy life.

Matthew 16:24 NLT

[24] Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

John 16:33 NLT

[33] I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Jesus is our example.

Isaiah 53:3 NLT

[3] He was despised and rejected- a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

- we see God at work in the details of Joseph's life accomplishing his good purposes. Romans 8:28 NIV(28) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. The lord was with Joseph.
- Joseph could have questioned his identity and doubted God. Chosen, loved, called? Joseph trusted God.

Genesis 45:5 NIV [5] And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

Gods dreams are big and impossible without him.

- All the world came to Egypt
- Our vision is for all people to know Christ (Revelation 7v9-1)

Joseph recognised God at work , he knew God was with him (Romans 8v35) and he forgave freely.

God will make us strong in trials if we trust Him and allow His character to be formed in us.

Dream Gods dreams. Gods dreams are big.

All people

Revelation 7:9-10 NIV

[9] After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. [10] And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the world came to Egypt.

Gods plans are always big and impossible.

Isaiah 43:19 NLT

[19]Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

[9] But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. "

Zechariah 4:6 NIV

[6] So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

We need people in this hour of the spirit.

This is an hour of revealing for the church.

Understand the time.

- Joseph went from prison to palace. The season has shifted.
- Change our posture; change our perspective.

Song of Songs 2:11 NIV arise

[11] See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.

Isaiah 60:1 NIV

[1] "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

Recognise our royal position - Esther 4v14

We are a Jesus people being revealed to fulfil His purposes and we must live filled with and led by the spirit of the lord.

- A Luke 4v18 people.

Luke 4:18-19 NIV

[18] "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

This was Jesus mission statement and should be ours.

Joseph was a man in whom was the spirit of God.

Genesis 41:38 NIV

[38] So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"

This end time army God is raising and revealing will know the 7 spirits without measure just as Jesus did.

Isaiah 11:2 NIV

[2] The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him---the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord---

Joseph had wisdom, revelation and understanding.

- Eg he saw plentiful harvest and then famine and he understood what needed to get done.
- We need like Joseph eyes that see and the ability to know what we should do.

Genesis 41:39 NIV

[39] Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you.

A season of revealing.

- Not words of knowledge but the spirit of knowledge like a river of revelation to flow out to the world around.
- One of the greatest needs in these end days will be for wisdom that will lead to favour and provision and salvation.
- It's time to store up wisdom

Romans 8:14 NIV

[14] For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Fix our eyes on Jesus

Focus in prayer

- On Jesus
- Romans 8:5 NIV
- [5] those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

Feed on Gods word

- Live in Gods word
- Live in prayer , recognising our need for God
- Cultivate humility and the fear of the lord.

Joseph feared the lord and had humility.

Genesis 41:16 NIV

[16] "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

Proverbs 22:4 NIV

[4] Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life.

Psalm 111:10 NIV

[10] The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Dream Gods dream, understand the season of revealing. Live lives full of and led by the spirit of God in the fear of the lord. For the glory of God.