

THE Best

IS YET TO COME

Bold Time To Dream

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Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.

Genesis 37:5 (NIV)

Pharoah said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." - Genesis 41:15 (NIV)

What's going on Family! This is Lyle and I'm one of the pastors here at our Capitol Hill location at National Community Church.

If you are engaged with our sermon series, you know that we are right in the thick of our current series titled [The Best is Yet to Come](#). NCC Daily is here to help us continue to walk through this season of dreaming big, praying hard, and thinking long. The first three weekends, Pastor Mark helped launch us into this idea that this isn't a catchy phrase or a cute saying, it's a core belief. Friends, the goal is not surviving, the goal is thriving. Alright, that's enough of quoting Pastor Mark over the first three weeks...well, let's be honest, it's probably gonna happen again, so I probably just need to let it go, right?

What's going to happen over the next few days is I'm going to unpack this idea of dreaming big, praying hard, and thinking long. Just like a runway is lit up at night for airplanes, my hope is that it will give us a foundational runway to take off into practicing within our hearts that the best is truly yet to come!

Dream big. My absolute favorite character in the Bible is Joseph. Often he is called Joseph the Dreamer, perhaps because he had an audacious dream as a young person (Gen 37:5), or because God revealed the key that unlocked the dreams that saves an entire nation and

generation (Gen 41:15). Either way, the legacy of Joseph within the people of Israel is infused with how he was able to engage a dream. Many people said he was arrogant or ignorant for telling the dream he had to his brothers that got him sold into servanthood. Still, others say that he was one of a kind in his interpretation of Pharaoh's dream. I'd say that one word sums up Joseph the Dreamer. Bold.

Pastor Mark opened this sermon series with a quote from Conrad Hilton saying it is a crazy time to dream. Indeed, 2021 is a crazy time to dream. For some people, it's hard to wrap their heads around this idea that "The Best is Yet to Come" because of the circumstances other people are dealing with and perhaps the trauma and turmoil you might be walking through. Some people feel like they don't even have permission to dream right now. Joseph dreamed a dream. Joseph clearly believed what he saw in that dream. Problems started to come when Joseph started to speak on his dream. Later, because of his boldness in speaking out on dreams, he was placed in a position, once again, that could have cost him his life, before the great Pharaoh.

We all know the end of Joseph's story, right? You know what's coming...the best is yet to come, right? Joseph's dreams placed him in a position where the best was yet to come for everybody! The rich, the poor, the healthy, the sick, from near and far, the power of dreaming big and the boldness to speak on that dream changed absolutely everything. So here are some things I'd like you to consider today as you ponder dreaming big:

- 1) It's okay to dream. Right now, even dreaming takes boldness.
- 2) Believe in your dream. God was bold enough to give it to you. Be bold enough to believe it.
- 3) Speak your dream in safe spaces. Find bold people who will help you cultivate your boldness in those spaces.

It's a crazy time to dream. Being a Christian right now is a little crazy and a little bold. It goes with the territory. We'll see you right back here tomorrow. The best is yet to come.

Do you feel like you have permission to dream? What do you need to do to take a bold, crazy step in faith to dream big?