

# WHEN YOUR DREAMS GET HIJACKED

Genesis 37:3-24  
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INTRO:

The life and story of Joseph

## A. GOD HONORS US WITH A DREAM

1. Joseph's background (v. 1-3)
2. Joseph's  blessings  (v. 6-9)
3. Joseph's behavior (v. 2, 10-11, 13-16)

## B. SOME PEOPLE WILL HIJACK YOUR DREAM

1. The brother's feelings (v. 4, 11)
2. The brother's words (v. 8)
3. The brother's insults (v. 18-19)
4. The brother's actions (v. 20)

## C. PRINCIPLES IN HANDLING YOUR DREAM

1. Dreams that God gives are unique and personal
2. Dreams are fulfilled in the right place
3. Dreams must be shared with the right people
4. Dreams that God gives are preserved
5. Dreams that God gives assures us of His presence

CONCLUSION

Like Joseph, hold and live the dream God gives you.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Icebreaker. What is one dream that is still unfulfilled now in your life?
2. Read Genesis 37:1–11. Why would Joseph's robe create such division among his brothers? Were family dynamics or human traits involved in the breakdown of Jacob's family?
3. What might be a modern equivalent of this situation? How have you seen parental favoritism play out in other families? Share a personal or other experience that you encountered regarding this.
4. Although Jacob and his sons have the same position in Joseph's dreams, they have two contrasting responses (v. 11). How should we respond to other people's dreams even though we don't get to have the principal role of God's redemptive plan?
5. Read Genesis 37:12–28. What is most disturbing to you about this passage? From last Sunday's message, the progression of Joseph's brothers started from feelings, words, insults, and eventual action. How does this progress warn us of our behavior towards others?
6. In what ways do we find ourselves overlooking the humanity of others when we get mad at them (gossip, indifference to them, spreading rumors or lies)? What can you learn from this story about the character of God and the call for us to have more patience with others?
7. Last Sunday's message gave us five principles on how to keep and live our dreams. Review each principle and assess where you are working in your God-given dreams and aspirations.
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8. Close the Life Group meeting by praying for another, remembering to not let anyone hijack your dreams.