**God Sized** *(Series Graphic)*

A God Sized **Dream**

(Genesis 37:2-11)

“Joseph, a young man of **seventeen**, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. **Joseph had a dream**, and when he told it to his brothers, they **hated him all the more**. He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.” His brothers said to him, “**Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us**?” And they hated him all the more **because of his dream** and what he had said. Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?” His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.”

1. God has a **dream for your life**.

(Numbers 12:6-8)

“Listen to my words: ‘When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; **he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face**, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord.’”

 If you want to know God’s dream for your life, **get to know God**.

1. **Be humble** with the dream.

(Proverbs 22:4)

“Humility is the fear of the Lord; **its wages are riches and honor and life**.”

 If you can’t be **humble with your dream,** you can’t **handle your destiny**.

(Genesis 37:17-20)

“So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. “Come now, let’s kill and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. **Then we’ll see what come of his dreams**.”

(Genesis 37:26-27)

“Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let’s **sell him** to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood. His brothers agreed.”

(Genesis 37:36)

“Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.”

**Pits:** where your current circumstances are inconsistent with your dreams.

Two choices:

1. Reduce your life to your present circumstances.
2. Never allow circumstances to change the dream God put in your heart.

(Psalm 37:4)

“Take delight in the Lord, and **he will give you the desires of your heart**.”

(Genesis 39:1-6)

“Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. **The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered**, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that **the Lord gave him success in everything he did**, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, **the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph.** The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph’s care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.”

(Genesis 39:6-15)

“Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” **But he refused**. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. **How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God**?” And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her **or even be with her**. One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and **ran out of the house**. When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, she called her household servants. “Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make a sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

**Palaces:** the part of the journey to the dream that demands integrity.

1. What people **believe about you** is not more important than **your behavior**.
2. We do not serve man, **we serve God**.

(Proverbs 28:6)

“Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.”

(Genesis 39:20-23)

“But while Joseph was there in prison, **the Lord was with him**; he showed kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid not attention to anything under Joseph’s care, **because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did**.”

**Prisons:** helping others dreams come true while you’re still waiting for yours.

1. Instead of becoming **bitter**, commit to making others **better**.
2. This is a mark to mature character.

(Ephesians 6:7-8)

“Serve whole heartedly, **as if you were serving the Lord, not people**, because you know that **the Lord will reward** each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.”

3. There is purpose when dreams are **delayed**.

 If you have the **courage to** **dream** you will need the **courage to endure**.

**Maybe we aren’t supposed to follow our dreams**. Follow God and your dreams will follow you.