

# Surviving Dream Killers (Part 3)

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10:30 AM

God gave Joseph dreams, but before they would be fulfilled, Joseph had to survive the dream killers along the way.

It is important for us to understand that those initial dreams were not the only dreams that God had for Joseph's life. Many other purposes, plans, promises, callings and giftings were being fulfilled along the way.

And that's what dreams are... God's purposes, His plans, His promises, His callings and His giftings for your life. In fact, one of the biggest dreams that God has for your life is for you to have a relationship with Him and to live out that relationship in everyday life... To be a woman of God, to be a man of God. That's one thing we learn from Joseph's life... Everywhere he went, everything he did, reflected his faith and his relationship with God. As a slave for Potiphar, in jail, when called by Pharaoh, as a leader in Egypt, as a brother and a son.

We can't get so caught up in trying to zero in on one particular dream (though that is important at times) that we miss all the purposes, plans, promises, callings and giftings that God has for us each and every day. (We talked about that last week when I said that the fact Joseph had two dreams at the beginning of this story reminded us that God has multiple dreams for our lives.

And that's what the enemy wants to destroy.

**John 10:10**

**10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...**

So far we've said that Dream Killers come on three battlefronts

- Ourselves
- Others
- Circumstances

We said that we might face dream killers on more than one battle front at a time... Sometimes all three at the same time

## On the Battle Front of OURSELVES

- **Having a relationship with The Dream Giver**

God is the dream giver so without a relationship with God, there is no dream. God loves you and has plans, purposes, promises, callings and giftings, but if you are not willing to be "born to Him" (born again) you kill the dream before it can even start

- **Believing we are worthy of a dream**

The first challenge of faith is the unbelief of our own hearts...

- **Interpreting The Dream**

We don't always know how to make sense of the dreams that God has placed in our lives...

## On The Battle Front of OTHERS... We will face

- **Those who have no relationship with God**

That's why it is important to surround ourselves with those who have a relationship with God

- **Those who are jealous of the dream**

Sometimes when people cannot see the dreams in their own lives they tear down the dreams that they see in other people's lives.

We all need at least one Barnabas (son of encouragement) in our lives to encourage us in the development of the plans, purposes, promises, callings and giftings that God has put on our lives

*Not only do we need a Barnabas to come along side of us, we need to be a Barnabas to others*

- **Those who don't understand the dream**

People aren't always going to understand... It doesn't always mean they are evil people intent of killing your dreams; however their lack of understanding and faith can still be a dream killer.

Keep the dream close, talk to God about it and if people don't understand don't let their lack of faith kill yours

Last week we said that on the Battle Front of CIRCUMSTANCES we may face...

1. **Personal attacks that are meant** to strip us of our identity and self-worth and then propagate the enemies lies of defeat and destruction.

Personal attacks can come in many forms.

- Physical sickness and Infirmary
- People coming against you
- Financial needs and problems

During these attacks it is important that we **do not come into agreement with the enemy but rather stay in agreement with God.**

2. **Dark Places...**

We remember that God is WITH US ALWAYS

3. **Difficult Journeys - Don't give up (Prosper on the journey)**

He kept God with him in his heart and life.

## PART 3

### Genesis 39

39 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.

2 The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, 4 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. 5 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. 6 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.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, 7 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

8 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. 9 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?" 10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

11 One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. 12 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.

13 When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, 14 she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. 15 When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

16 She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. 17 Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. 18 But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. 20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, 21 the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. 22 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. 23 The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

## Unrelenting Temptations

10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

Luke 4:13

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

1 Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Maintain your integrity by maintaining your relationship with God. Believe it or not this is the battle front of OURSELVES when it comes to killing the dream

## Untrue (False) Accusations

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1 Peter 2:22-23

22 “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Psalm 37:5-7 (NLT)

5 Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. 6 He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun. 7 Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

### Unrecognized Loyalty and Integrity

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It hurts when people we care about and even look up to question our love and motives, especially after we have worked hard on their behalf and seen God do wonderful things

God sees everything and will not allow even the smallest act of love and goodness go unrewarded

Psalm 33:13-15

13 From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; 14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Matthew 10:42

42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

## Undeserved Consequences

But while Joseph was there in the prison, 21 the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. 22 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. 23 The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

There is no prison that can prevent God's purposes, plans, promises, giftings and callings from being fulfilled. It didn't stop Joseph and it can't stop us.

Matthew 16:18-19

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

The devil may put you behind bars but God gives you the key to the prison