

Surviving Dream Killers (Part 6)

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

Because...

John 10:10

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Dreams are... God's purposes, plans, promises, callings and His giftings for your life. The biggest dream that God has for your life is for you to have a relationship with Him and to live out that relationship everyday by walking in His particular purposes, plans, promises, callings and giftings for you.

DREAM KILLERS..

- **Ourselves**
 - Having a relationship with The Dream Giver
 - Believing we are worthy of a dream
 - Interpreting The Dream

- **Others**
 - Those who have no relationship with God
 - Those who are jealous of the dream
 - Those who don't understand the dream

- **Circumstances**
 - Personal attacks
 - Dark Places...
 - Difficult Journeys

- **Unrelenting Temptations**
- **Untrue (False) Accusations**
- **Unrecognized Loyalty and Integrity**
- **Undeserved Consequences**

Things we must be willing to do in order to keep the dream alive...

- **STEP UP** (Make yourself available)
- **STEP IN** (to the anointing God has for you)
- **STEP OUT** (in faith - You can't make a difference in the on deck circle. You can't make a difference just standing at the plate. You have to swing the bat)

HABU - The Destroyer of Dreams

- Hurts
- Anger
- Bitterness
- Unforgiveness

PART 6 – WAITING

Genesis 37:2

2 ..Joseph, a young man of seventeen,

Genesis 37:5

5 Joseph had a dream

Genesis 41:46 (13 years after the dream)

46 Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Genesis 41:53-54 (20 Years after the dream)

53 The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, 54 and the seven years of famine began...

Genesis 45:6-7 (22 years after the dream)

6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. 7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Genesis 50:24-26 (93 years after the dream)

24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." 25 And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

26 So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Joshua 24:32 (Over 400 years later)

32 And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants.

Joseph had to WAIT for the dreams of God to be fulfilled...

As a young man struggling with his brothers, he waited...

Alone in the Cistern, he waited...

As a slave in Potiphar's house, he waited...

Unjustly put in prison, he waited...

Forgotten by the one whose dream he had interpreted, he waited...

Elevated to a position of power, he waited...

During 7 years of plenty, he waited...

Two more years of famine, he waited...

And though the initial dream of his brothers bowing before him came to pass at that time, he continued to wait for the dreams that God had put on his heart regarding his family and God's deliverance from Egypt...

For hundreds of years following his death, his bones waited in the tomb...

Waiting can be hard. And it is during these times of waiting that we face more Dream Killers intent on destroying the Purposes, plans, promises, giftings and callings that God has put in your life.

Doubt & Fear

Matthew 14:28-33

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

- Antidote is FAITH

Psalm 27:13-14

13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Taking Things Into Our Own Hands

Matthew 16:21-23

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Abraham and Sarah's plan to conceive a child produced Ishmael

- Antidote is TRUST

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Power & Success

Matthew 16:15-19

15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 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.”

- Antidote is Humility

Colossians 3:12

12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Throwing In The Towel

John 21:3-17 (NLT)

3 Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.”

“We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. 5 He called out, “Fellows,[\[a\]](#) have you caught any fish?”

“No,” they replied.

6 Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. 8 The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. 9 When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

10 “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.

12 “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus served them the bread and the

fish. 14 This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

15 After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

16 Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

17 A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.

18 “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” 19 Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

- Antidote is Renewal in the Lord

1 Samuel 30:3-6

3 When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. 4 So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. 5 David’s two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. 6 David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

The Dream is bigger than you because it is God's Dream, not yours