

VANTAGE POINT

What Will Become of Your Dream?

Genesis 37

1. The Dream Given: God has a purpose for your life.

2. The Dream Threatened: God's path for you will take undesired turns.

Application:

The Brothers: Jealousy robs us of seeing God's plan for us.

Joseph: Don't quit in the pit!

God: Don't doubt His control or His goodness.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. “Two men looked out from prison bars. One saw mud, one saw stars.” Do you tend to be one who looks down in tough circumstances or one who looks up? Why do you think that is? Examine Romans 8:28. How has this verse shaped you in times of trouble?
2. Read Genesis 37. What are some key things that stand out to you in the story? What do you think Joseph was experiencing in the pit and as a slave on his way to Egypt? Do you think he questioned God’s love and goodness?
3. As Joseph’s brothers plotted his demise they ask, “then what will become of his dreams?” Little did they know that getting him to Egypt was part of God’s plan to accomplish his dreams. Share a time when God used the harm someone caused you to advance his will in your life?
4. How clear was Jesus on his God-given purpose? See John 12:23-33. What are some ideas of how we can help ourselves and each other keep God’s plan for our lives in focus?

MEMORY VERSE

“Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”

Genesis 37:19-20