

For the week of January 24, 2021
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Dreams Versus Reality

Fourth week in the series: JOSEPH
Genesis 39

Joseph had dreams. In his dreams, he was reigning. Then those dreams crashed into reality. First, his brothers threw him into a pit. Then, they sold him into slavery. What happens when dreams crash into reality?

Discussion Questions:

1. What has been your experience when dreams crashed into reality?
2. How do you react to this prayer from David? “I cry to you, O Lord; / I say, ‘You are my refuge, / my portion in the land of the living’” (Psalm 142:5).
3. How do you respond to these words from Frederick Buechner? “Anyone who has ever known him has known him perhaps better in the dark than anywhere else because it is in the dark where he seems to visit most often.”
4. How might you go about seeking to be a blessing to others?
5. How do you respond to these words from Augustine, addressed to the Lord? “How sweet all at once it was for me to be rid of those fruitless joys which I had once feared to lose! You drove them from me, you who are the true, the sovereign joy. You drove them from me and took their place, you who are sweeter than all pleasure.”
6. Sexually, Judah does everything wrong, confesses, and lives in freedom (Genesis 38). Sexually, Joseph does everything right, is betrayed, and is thrown into prison (Genesis 39). What do you make of the difference?