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WHAT IS THIS DREAM THAT THOU HAST DREAMED?

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Genesis 37:1-11, “And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.”

I. Vision Is God Given

Genesis 37:19, “And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.”

John 1:11, “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”

Psalms 37:4, “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”

1. Vision is a bridge from the past to the future.
2. Vision is the eye of faith to see the invisible and the decisiveness to make it visible.
3. Vision is the power that causes people to make huge sacrifices in order to become all they can become for God.
4. Vision is a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God to His chosen servants, and is based upon an accurate understanding of God, self and circumstances.
5. Vision is adopting an action plan that will enable you to move forward in your Christian life and ministry.
6. Vision is that inward fire that enables you to boldly communicate to your peers what the future will be like.
7. Vision is the dynamic that enables you to translate your faith and dreams into a new and personal walk with God.
8. Vision is that God-given energy which will make you become a risk taker.
9. Vision is that moral obligation that mandates your behavior in accordance with God's will.

II. Vision Gets You Through The Fire

Genesis 39:7, "And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me."

1. Joseph did not initiate this advance.

2. It was a sustained assault.

Genesis 39:10, "And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph DAY BY DAY, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her."

3. It was a secluded assault.

Genesis 39:11, "And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; AND THERE WAS NONE OF THE MEN OF THE HOUSE THERE WITHIN."

4. It was a subtle assault.

Genesis 39:10, "And it came to pass, AS SHE SPAKE TO JOSEPH day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her."

Proverbs 5:3, "For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:"

III. Vision Will Determine Your Destiny

1. Your vision will determine your future.

Philippians 3:13, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,"

2. Your vision will determine your associations.

Proverbs 13:20, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

3. Your vision will determine how you spend your time.

4. Your vision will determine your duty.

4 questions to determine your God-given vision

1. What goals would you set if you knew you could not fail?

2. What inspires, captivates, and dominates your thinking?

3. What price are you willing to pay?

4. What sacrifices are you willing to make?