

KEEP GOING – Pastor Shawn Starbuck 6/10/18

Don't be so concerned about the plans God has for our life, but be more concerned about the purpose of our lives.

A visual way I like to think about this is like a ship going out to sea. The ship has a course, and a destination to reach, but as the ship is out at sea, it may have to change course to navigate through the changed in the water. This is like our lives, and like our dreams.

JOSEPH

17 year old boy, 11 brothers, favored by his dad. Has a dream and makes his brothers hate him more.

Genesis 37:4

But when His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all the other brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

RESISTANCE

Threw him in a ditch to kill him, but sold him into slavery. He becomes a slave in Potiphar's house. (captain of the guard) He's there for 11 years.

Joseph thought he was supposed to be a leader, but he ends up as a slave. This is where the story of redemption begins with Joseph.

REDEMPTION

Joseph rises up and gains favor with Potiphar.

Genesis 39:6

So he (Potiphar) left all that he had in Joseph's charge and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Sometimes redemption is more of a process than something that just happens in a moment. Just because something is restored doesn't mean God is done redeeming your life. God wants to redeem your whole life and that can take some time.

Potiphar's Wife

God started the redemption story, even started to restore some things, but he still had to face resistance. I mean, can you imagine working for 11 years, he's about to finally reach the dream, and then BOOM. More resistance.

Genesis 39:20-22

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... the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. 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.

Redemption = compensate, make up for

Restore = give back, or fix

PHARAOH

Joseph's gift of interpreting dreams give him a way to get before Pharaoh. He won favor with Pharaoh and put Joseph in charge. Joseph has the chance to get pay back, but he doesn't. All along God's purpose for Joseph would be to play a major role in rescue.

RESCUE

Genesis 45:8

So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

3 THINGS TO EXPECT WHEN FOLLOWING A GODLY DREAM

RESISTANCE

REDEMPTION

RESCUE

There are 3 specific people that I felt like I need to point out.

1. Older people

- C.S. Lewis "You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream.

2. My life is on hold

-kids, my job, school

3. I'm Damaged

- messed up, made mistakes.

3 PRACTICAL IDEAS

1. Write it down

2. Tell people about it

3. **Keep going**

Proverbs 29:18

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.