

When Dreams Look Like Nightmares

Genesis 37:18-36 // February 26, 2023



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What's a memory you have of someone standing up to do what's right even though it was hard?

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Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

GROW IN THE WORD

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



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Joseph's brothers saw him from a distance and began crafting a plan to murder him. Reuben attempted to save Joseph's life with his own plan of rescue. The brothers ended up throwing Joseph into an empty pit or well (v. 18-24).

- What clues does the author give that help you understand why the brothers wanted to kill Joseph? See also Genesis 37:5, 8.
- What stands out to you about Reuben's response to the rest of the brothers' plan?
- What might Reuben have risked by speaking up in his attempt to save Joseph's life?

At the prompting of Judah, the brothers agreed to sell Joseph to the Ishmaelites. When traders came upon the men, they sold Joseph as a slave for twenty shekels of silver (v. 25-28).

- How would you describe what Joseph might've thought and felt in the empty pit while his brothers shared a meal?
- What do you learn about the effects of sin based on the brothers' actions immediately after throwing Joseph in the pit? See also Hebrews 3:12-13; Romans 1:28-32; James 1:14-15; Ephesians 4:17-19.
- In what ways have you felt unwanted, unloved, or cast aside like Joseph?

The brothers deliberately tricked Jacob into believing that a wild animal killed Joseph. Jacob believed them and wept bitterly in mourning for his son. Joseph ended up in Egypt as a slave to a high-ranking official (v. 29-36).

- In what ways do the brothers' deceitful acts mirror Jacob's own deceit against his father Isaac? See Genesis 27:9-19.
- How does understanding the attributes of God (goodness, sovereignty, grace, faithfulness) impact how you process this story?
- What conviction, encouragement, or application is your main takeaway from this passage?

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, March 7 | 7 pm | 410 Campus

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