

Message Outline

Joseph: When Dreams Land You in a Ditch

Genesis 37

Intro: New series started Mother's Day...

- What makes a hero...Joseph means "the LORD adds"...
 - What's lacking in nature, nurture, and culture, God is able to supply!

v.1-2a—Bible background...world

transformation by individual transformation.

v.2b—Typical little brother...plenty to tell on!

v.3-4—Favoritism kills families...

- Can't even speak kindly to kin!

v.5-11—Significance of dreams in Scripture...

v.12-14—Dad blinded to family dynamics...

v.14-20—How bad is home when brothers plot to kill baby bro?!!

v.21-22—Reuben's mixed motives...

v.23-24—From dreams to ditch...

v.25-27—From ditch to slave deal...

v.28—What was it like to hear your blood brothers negotiate your slavery? (cf. 42:21).

v.29-36—The framing doesn't stop the favoring...

- Joseph in route to Egyptian enslavement...



Seventeen and Daring to Dream

- Much of Joseph's plot pivots on dreams...
 - Near age 17, his first God-given dream.

- *"One litmus test of spiritual maturity is whether your dreams are getting bigger or smaller."* -Mark Batterson

- Acts 2:17: A sign of the Spirit's pouring is dreaming God-sized/shaped dreams...

1) _____ v.5

- Dreams from God's Word not gummy worms! (cf. Prov.29:18).

2) _____ v.5, 11

3) _____ v.6-8, 28

- God rarely takes us the fastest/easiest route to finding our dreams!