

January Bible Study Series:  
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Lesson 3

Four Keys to Realizing God's Vision for Your Life

### **Genesis 37:1-11**

37 Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

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

6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"

11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Assessing Your VISION

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

### **1. Dare to Dream**

### **Nine Dream Killers:**

1. I'm too "Young"
2. I'm too "Old"
3. I'm too much of a "Failure"
4. I'm too "New to God"
5. I'm too "Tired"
6. I'm too "Insignificant"
7. I'm too "Encumbered by Problems"
8. I'm too "Hurt by Others"
9. I'm too "Not where I thought I'd be"

***"The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight but has no vision."***

### **2. Define Your Dream**

Four Ways to Add  
Definition to Your Dream:

1. Date Your Dream
2. Detail Your Dream
3. Due Date Your Dream
4. Daily Devotion Your Dream

"In the long run men hit only what they am at."

### **3. Declare the Dream**

To build your faith and realize your dream:  
CARE> SHARE> DECLARE

Run Hard After Your Dream:

- Have a Bold Vision.
- Don't Stop Moving Toward the Vision.
- Don't Get Distracted.

#### **4. Defend the Dream**

##### **DEFEND:**

- a. Fight unbelief with faith.
- b. Overcome adversity with perseverance.
- c. Beat temptation with integrity
- d. Resist resentment with forgiveness.
- e. Conquer self-absorption with influence.

***"Stop allowing blind people to proofread your vision."***

##### **PRAYER**

***"God, I want to embrace your dream for my life. I want to understand it clearly, share it boldly, and live my life to achieve your ideal for my life."***

##### **Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:**

1. What is your greatest takeaway in today's lesson?
2. Have you ever considered God's vision for your life, marriage, children education, career, finances, relationships and faith?
3. Identify the dreamer killer(s) mentioned in today's lesson that you might be wrestling with today.
4. In what way(s) can you add definition to your dream?
5. Name the process discussed in today's lesson for building your faith and realizing your dream.
6. Do you have a support system to help fulfill your dream?
7. In what way(s) can you defend your dream?

To prepare for the next lesson, read Genesis chapter 39.