

# Your Dream

## IS YOUR FUTURE

by Bob Meisner

**Y**our God-given dream and purpose is designed to inspire you, motivate you and even help restrain you from temptation to quit – especially in the absence of any evidence that your dream is coming to pass. And don't be surprised if some of your fiercest opposition comes from those close to you. It did for Joseph.

One of my favorite persons of the Bible is Joseph. His story began with a dream at the young age of seventeen. He knew the dreams he was having were from the Lord and that they revealed in some way God's purpose and plans for his life.

### Declare What You See

He immediately announced it to his family: "God told me that all of you will bow down to me someday!" Some believe that Joseph made a mistake when he shared this vision, but I believe he was simply excited about hearing from the Lord and shared it in simple faith, humility and enthusiasm, not arrogance. However, this bold announcement only invoked his father's rebuke and fed his brothers' growing jealousy, which is hatred. (Gen. 37:8, 10-11). The overwhelming and wonderful reality is that Joseph had heard from God. He now had a purpose, or a vision, for his life (even if it wasn't received by others).

You were created for a divine purpose! God may not speak to you through a dream, but if you will become determined to know His plan for your life, He will reveal it to you. As long as you can live without knowing His will for your life, you will. But please, don't settle for anything less than knowing God's purpose for why you were created.

"Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants." Eph 5:17 The Message

Not only can the pursuit of your vision bring fulfillment, it prevents you from distractions. Joseph's vision kept him on track during very difficult times and when faced with great temptation – he remained true.

### Rise Above Circumstances

Joseph understood that what God had spoken to him and declared about him was true no matter what the circumstances indicated. Genesis 39:2 defies the logic of Joseph's circumstances by saying: "And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian."

The LORD declares that Joseph was "a prosperous man." This was at a time in his life when He was serving as a slave! His own brothers had sold him into slavery and told his father he was dead. No longer the wealthy, well-dressed, favorite son, Joseph found himself being sold into slavery in a foreign land and stripped of everything. His new Egyptian master stood beside him with all of the embellishment that came with his abundant wealth, but the Bible records Joseph as being the truly prosperous one. Wow!

### True Prosperity

God views prosperity much differently than we do! Material possessions are not characteristic of prosperity. True prosperity is knowing that God is for you. Keeping His vision alive in your heart leads to true prosperity. True prosperity is not wealth itself but knowing God's favor, anointing and power that is working in your life to fulfill His purposes; that's what secures that prosperous notion in your heart.

"Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that

he promised to your ancestors – as it is today." Deuteronomy 8:18

Joseph believed he was prosperous because he knew prosperity came from God, not man. He had a clear mental picture on the inside that was not affected by his circumstance, and it enabled him to operate in faith. Instead of adopting a victim's mindset and complaining, Joseph served others and ministered wholeheartedly to their needs.

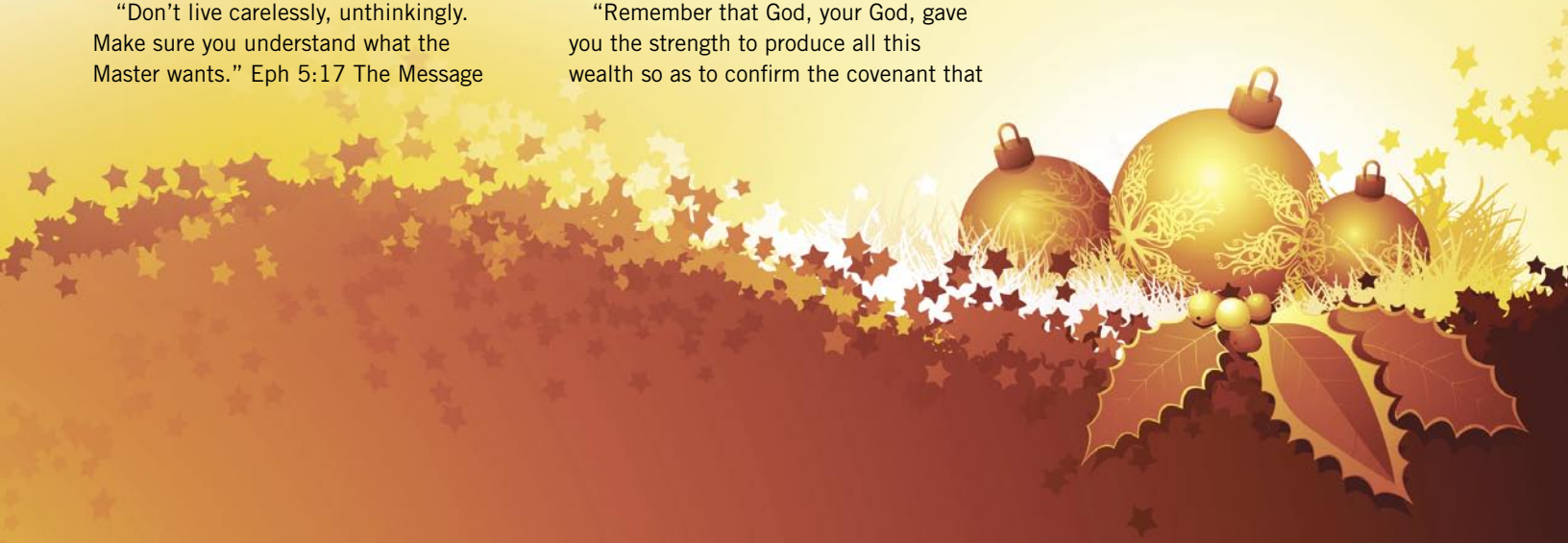
### Maintain Integrity

Joseph constantly maintained integrity. Recognizing the favor and presence of God in his life, Joseph's master soon appointed him manager over his entire house (Genesis 39:6).

Joseph lived a God-dependent life, and he lived it in the midst of great adversity. He knew his future rested in the hands of the LORD (Psalm 75:6-7).

Through Joseph's example, I want to recognize the importance of seeking God even more when things are going well. Prosperity and success can test your character infinitely more than hardship! When you're in trouble and your back is against the wall, you know you need help. It's prosperity that often causes people to lose sight of their God-given vision or to attempt to bring it to pass through their own natural ability. Even with extreme wealth and power at his disposal, Joseph waited on the Lord and watched in faith as He brought the dream to fulfillment!

Seasons of waiting should never be wasted, learn that there can be a touch of glory on the mundane occurrences of life. God is developing in you a greater capacity to sustain His glory. Rejoice!



# It's All About You

What you're dreaming about, meditating about and thinking about tells you a lot about your future. Begin today to:

- 1) Gain a new point of view; begin to see yourself as God sees you:**
  - prosperous
  - healed
  - full of joy regardless of your physical circumstances
- 2) Begin to acknowledge the fact that God is favoring you – you are anointed and dearly loved!**
- 3) Serve others with all your heart as unto the Lord.**
- 4) Eliminate murmuring and complaining and replace with songs of praise and thankfulness, being fully persuaded that God will complete what He has begun in your life.**
- 5) Be in conversation with God about your purpose, vision and dream – He loves to fill you with His plan.**

God had a great idea – and it was you. He then proceeded to think up the best time to place you on earth – and with excitement and joy, He brought you as a gift to this world.

## BOB & AUDREY'S ITINERARY FIGHTING FOR FAMILIES



### NOVEMBER 10 Winnipeg Dessert Night!

Tuesday night – 7 PM  
We can't wait to meet you!

November 14 & 15  
Austin, Texas

November 19 – 22  
Medicine Hat, Alberta

December 2 – 5  
Peru, South America

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### a letter from North Vancouver, BC

**Dear Betty & Willard, Bob & Audrey,**  
“I couldn't stand it any longer – I had to write you a letter. You see, I have been watching *It's A New Day* for four months now – and haven't missed a show. I've been growing to love “hanging out” with you guys and most of all, I've been growing in my love for God. The best part is, I feel like I'm receiving love from God like never before. So, this whole family thing is touching my heart. I come from a broken home – I've had all the bad stuff happen to me, but God never left me there. Through you, and the guests on the show, God is giving me brand new perspective. New thoughts I've never had before. God really loves me. God never left me, even during the painful times. I'm actually excited for my future for the first time ever. Thank you!”

#### Audrey's Response

While I read this letter, I immerse myself in this girl's life. God's dream for her life has been ignited. I'm so thankful that she now knows that her Heavenly Father holds her, comforts her and walks with her every moment of her day. Hearing her heart, I feel like I know why I was born. To love people to life – and it's all worth it for this one.

When we see a life touched by the love of God – our hearts are filled with praise to God. We know that God has purposed us to reach people through TV. Our prayer is that they will watch *It's A New Day* and know they are loved. Our hope is that they will receive that love and embrace God's incredible future for them.

**Invest in lives today by giving to this ministry. We are believing God for the necessary finances to continue and even expand. Together, we are communicating God's love and a bright future!**

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day**

