

THE DNA OF A DREAMER

God has implanted in you the DNA of a dreamer. How far will you climb?

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA, is a spiral staircase or twisted ladder made of sugar and phosphate molecules along with four base chemicals. A simple Google search lets us know that DNA contains “the genetic instructions used in the development, functioning, and reproduction of all living organisms.” We all have DNA within us, a genetic code that contributes to who we are at a fundamental level.
- ❖ One could argue that the same is true spiritually: to be spiritually alive is to have within your soul a code that contributes to who you are at a fundamental level. Just as physical DNA contains vital information for development, functioning, and reproduction, so does your spiritual DNA. There is a spiral staircase in the human soul, one authored by God and that leads directly to heaven. It’s called a dream.
- ❖ In Genesis, we meet Joseph, Jacob’s favourite son, who is a tattletale and a bit spoiled. But God has a purpose for his life. There is a spiral staircase in Joseph’s soul that even at 17, Joseph knows he has a greater destiny, one involving influence, resources, and his entire family (see Gen. 37:6-7, 9).
- ❖ This is what God does with us. God authors dreams and places them within our souls as an outline. There are things He invites us to search out as we follow Him (see Proverbs 25:2). Then when God reveals that spiral staircase in our souls, we’re not supposed to ignore it—we’re supposed to start climbing it.
- ❖ Joseph has a dream, direction, an expected end, and purpose. But Joseph still has no sense—he doesn’t know when to stop talking.
- ❖ When he told his brothers the first dream, they responded negatively. Sense dictates that if your older brothers hate you, then maybe you shouldn’t share with them the second dream where you see yourself ruling over the entire family. But again, Joseph is young and spoiled. If he is going to be trusted with influence over resources and generations, he must be **developed**. And where better to be developed than the most powerful nation of the day, Egypt?
- ❖ So, Joseph finds himself in Egypt after his brothers sold him into slavery. He ends up as a slave in the house of Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials. His circumstances do not sound great, but the Lord was with Joseph (Gen. 39:2-6).
- ❖ The dream is to wield influence. The development is to manage Potiphar’s household. God is in the development phase with Joseph, giving him success in all he did. There are those who are looking for God up in the realm of the dream, but He can actually be found down in the place of development, where we must embrace the power of process.
- ❖ While in slavery, Joseph gained knowledge in Potiphar’s house. Then he continued adding to that knowledge even while serving a prison sentence based on unjust accusations. “The Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did” (see Gen. 39:19-23).
- ❖ The dream is to wield influence. The development is to perform in front of the king’s prisoners. This becomes important when Pharaoh’s baker and cupbearer are imprisoned. The cupbearer witnesses Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams and later

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 37:6-7, 39:2-6, 19-23, 41:33-43, 56-57
(all scriptures in text are in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- remembers him when Pharaoh needs an interpreter.
- ❖ Because Joseph accepted the process of development, he finds himself before Pharaoh and begins to function at the level of his dream—being “in charge of the whole land of Egypt” (see Gen. 41:33-43).
- ❖ After Joseph has been developed, he now is being deployed. And in being deployed, lives are going to be saved.
- ❖ God doesn’t put dreams in our hearts for our own vanity. He is on a mission, and that mission is to see people saved. God’s heart is *for people*. We need to see our lives through the lens of God’s mission and understand that our dreams are vehicles for that mission.
- ❖ Joseph’s dream came to pass: his brothers bowed down to him (Gen. 42:1-6). This full circle moment leads to the arrival of his entire family in Egypt. The dream was to wield influence. The reproduction involves a family evolving into a nation. From that nation came a king, and from the king’s line came a Saviour.
- ❖ Joseph had no idea that climbing the staircase God planted in his soul and following the trail of development, function, and reproduction would contribute to the salvation of the world. But that’s how the DNA of a dreamer works. It goes far beyond what we thought was possible and it does significantly more than we ever thought it would.
- ❖ Why is this important? Because you have a dream from God. There is something He whispered into your heart, some spiral staircase He planted in your soul that reaches all the way to His throne, but you’re having difficulty making sense of the journey. Joseph’s life shows us the blueprint. We must submit to God’s process.
- ❖ God finishes what He starts (Philippians 1:6). He didn’t plant the dream within your spirit for it to remain dormant, but we must submit to the process. Development is non-negotiable.
- ❖ Your dream will never go anywhere if you cannot be developed. Once development occurs, it is essential that we step into our God-given function. Once we do that, over time, we will begin to reproduce, and our dreams will move to levels we couldn’t previously imagine.
- ❖ You have within you the DNA of a dreamer. How far will you climb?

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Has God ever used a circumstance to develop you? What is something you learned from it?
2. Read Genesis 39:1-6, 20-23. What can we learn from Joseph about development?
3. If God has placed a dream within you, what first steps can you take toward it?

PRAYER TIME

Lord, develop us for Your purpose and give us courage to follow where You lead. Amen.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: What is the strangest dream you ever had, and what do you think caused it (i.e., stress, bad food, etc.)?

PRAYER FOCUS: Thanksgiving for God's goodness, provision, protection, freedom, health, etc.

24-hour Prayer: Daily;

Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;

Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Calling all praise dancers! We are in need of help with our Christmas production. For more information, *please contact Sis. Kerri-Ann Dacres or sign up at the Ushers' Desk.*

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

We are currently looking for more volunteers to join the Homeless Ministry and Prison Ministry teams. All are welcome to join! For more information, *please contact Sis. Maude Chalifour.*

STOREHOUSE

The following items are needed in the Storehouse: corned beef, sweet milk/evaporated milk, sardines, tuna, baked beans, oil, toothpaste, and coffee.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Contact: Bro. Richard or Sis. Naomi Daley



FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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*"You intended to harm me, but
God intended it for good to
accomplish what is now being
done, the saving of many lives."
Genesis 50:20 (NIV)*

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