

The Dream is Shattered

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I. Introduction.

A. We all want to know what to do in the face of a shattered dream.

B. Text: Genesis 39, Psalm 105:18-19.

II. God is not only with us in our promotions—He is with us in our demotions.

A. Joseph was still free even though he was imprisoned.

B. Joseph even had greater influence on the prison than it had on him.

C. Joseph was overlooked by those he helped, but ultimately God redeemed him.

III. Principles.

A. The failure of people cannot thwart God's dream for you.

1. One must die to his family, his reputation and his friends for fulfilling his dream.

2. God may have given Joseph the two visions to encourage him about the original dream.

B. God gives us new dreams with each new set of circumstances.

C. If we give our shattered dreams to Jesus, He will turn them into joy.

Application questions:

1. When have you experienced God's presence in a "demotion?"

2. How would you counsel someone with a shattered dream in light of the message?

3. Why is it important to know God gives us new dreams when circumstances change? Explain.
