

A Dream is Revived

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I. Introduction.

- A. Joseph's dream died through rejection by family, false accusations, and neglect of his friends.
- B. His dream had to be fulfilled by God and no one else.
- C. God alone can revive dreams.

II. Links in the chain of events.

- A. Pharaoh has a dream.
- B. Joseph accurately interprets Pharaoh's dream yet maintained his integrity.
- C. God begins to fulfill Joseph's dream.
 - 1. God controlled the weather patterns and an entire economy to fulfill one person's dream.
 - 2. God was taking the sting out of Joseph's past and reviving his dream again.

III. Lessons.

- A. Sometimes God fulfills our dreams when we give ourselves to the dreams of others. (Isaiah 58:10)
- B. God can fulfill dreams that can arise from unjust circumstances.
- C. Seeing God's dreams for a person fulfilled requires patience.

Application questions:

1. How does Joseph's story demonstrate God's providence?

2. Whose dreams have you been able to help fulfill? Have you have been put in a position where you were able to help someone in this way?

3. How would you counsel someone waiting for a spouse in light of this message? Explain.
