

DGM Message Title: Discovering Your Crowbar

Theme: The Successful Servant

Message Summary: When God reveals a promise to you, be careful who you tell it too. Not everyone likes and can you lead you down a path that you don't think is suitable. God will use the road your on and lead you to your promise. There will be some twists and turns, but it is all in preparation of your blessing. Just be as humble as you can, and God will continue to bless you.

Scripture References (NKJV):

- Genesis 37:5-6
- Genesis 37:8
- Genesis 37:23-25
- Genesis 39:1-7
- Matthew 23:11
- Genesis 39:12
- Genesis 39:16-17
- Genesis 39: 20-21
- Genesis 39:23

Key Points:

- Joseph had a dream and was transitioning from a boy to a man
 - He didn't know how to handle having a dream from God
 - He didn't have enough life experience to know that no matter what team or family you are a part of, not all players are going to like you.
- News Alert: Everybody doesn't like you!
 - You may be the sweetest plum on the shelf, but everyone doesn't like plums.
 - Everyone isn't going to like you because everyone doesn't have taste
- Genesis 37:5
 - The dream was too much
 - People want to see you do good, but not better than them. –adapted from Bronx Tale
- Genesis 37:6
 - Tip: Unless you can fight like Mohammad Ali, it's probably better not to talk like him.
 - He went to his brothers to tell the dream.
 - Growing up together, traveling together, being around close people, doesn't necessarily make them your friend.
 - We don't really lose friends; we just learn over time who the real ones are.
 - His brothers already hated him, then he tells them they would worship him
 - His brothers new what the dream signified
 - When Joseph was a teenager, God showed him that he would make it to the top, but Joseph being so young didn't realize that God usually has to take you down, before he takes you up
- Genesis 37:8
 - His brothers hated him even more for his dreams.
 - The brothers looked for every opportunity to knock him down
- Genesis 37:23

- In life we seldom realize how we affect people
- They stripped Joseph of his tunic from his father
- Genesis 37:24
 - They threw him into a pit by the grace of God
 - It was empty and no water
- Genesis 37:25
 - The brothers had a feast and they laughed and mocked Joseph
 - We can be surprised at how far we go when our insecurity gets the best of us
 - Good and evil exist in all of our hearts; the side we feed the most wins
 - The brother fed the worst part of each other
 - Hardness of heart can be a deadly thing
 - We can get a hardness of heart towards God
 - They enjoyed torturing him
 - Failure and success are on the same roads, success is just a little further down the road. –adapted from Jack Hyles (57:12)
 - God knew exactly what Joseph needed to change his character
 - God gives you a promise, but the road you are on to get there will have circumstances.
 - All of those things are designed to position you for your blessings
- Genesis 37:28
 - They sold Joseph to traders as a slave.
 - The brothers wanted him gone
 - They took Joseph to Egypt
 - In the end God's promise will always prove true, but there will be some stuff
 - The road God takes us on can be confusing
 - God has to build some things in us and designs our roads for what best fits us
- Genesis 39:1
 - Joseph was taken to Egypt and was reduced to personal property.
 - God knew the toughness Joseph would need
 - When the road doesn't get easier, it is often because the Lord is trying to toughen you up for something better. (1:01:15)
 - It might be tough love, but God knows what you need. It may not be what you want.
- Genesis 39:2
 - The Lord was with Joseph
 - How can the Lord be with Joseph while horrible things are happening?
 - Joseph was a successful slave
 - How can you be a successful slave?
 - Success isn't measured by how many people are serving you, but how well you serve others. (1:04:35)
 - When God looks at your life it is about how many people are you serving with your whole heart.
 - He had servants, but God had to flip Joseph's life around and have him be a slave
- Genesis 39:3
 - The master saw that the Lord was with him
 - Instead of feeling sorry for himself, Joseph put in the work, and worked with what he had
 - we need to put in the work in your situations
 - You reap what you sow
 - Joseph only had one weapon he used to become successful and it was serving
 - He used that to get ahead
- Matthew 23:11
 - The greatest among you shall be a servant
 - If I want to be great in my household, I have to be willing to serve

- Genesis 30:4
 - The “*crowbar of service*” was able to unlock every door in Josephs life
 - God needs nothing
 - The only we can truly serve God is by serving other people.
 - Kindness is contagious
- Genesis 39:5
 - The Lord blessed the Egyptians house because of Joseph
 - God will bless others around you because of you
 - Our blessings are based on Jesus because everything we have is because of him
 - Potiphar trusted Joseph
 - Joseph proved himself trustworthy
- Genesis 39:7
 - Joseph was handsome
 - His masters wife was casting longing looks
 - He was her property and she wanted him
 - She began undressing him and wanted Joseph to lie with her
- Genesis 39:12
 - He left the garment in her hand and ran
 - Some things you have to run from
- Genesis 39:16-17
 - She kept the garment and lied about it
 - She said one of the servants mocked her
- Genesis 39:20
 - They put Joseph into prison
 - The deeper God takes you, the higher you will go
- Genesis 39:21
 - The Lord was with him in prison
 - God doesn't take you into the deep water to drown you, he takes you there to cleanse you.
 - He was too soft
 - In the midst of the pain, God is developing something in you for something further down the road.
 - God can prosper you right where you are
- Genesis 39:23
 - The keeper of the prison did not look into anything under Josephs authority
 - God was able to protect him even in prison
 - If we surrender to God, he will take every bad thing in our life and work it for good
 - But you have to humble yourself
 - Humility is being thankful for what you have where you are
 - Unlock the power of service