

**Joseph - Dream Big!**  
**LESSONS ON PURPOSE**

A Study of Genesis 37:1-11 – Part 1

**INTRODUCTION: Law #1 of the Four Spiritual Laws:**

God **loves** you and offers a wonderful **plan** for your life.

*"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future... You will seek me and **find** me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be **found** by you," declares the Lord. -Jeremiah 29:11-14*

*I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his **purpose** for me. -Psalm 57:2*

**LESSONS ON PURPOSE:**

1. **Disparate** ages do not disqualify you. (Gen 37:2)
  - 1 **Timothy 4:12** Don't let anybody look down on you because you are **young**, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.
  - 1 **Peter 5:1-3** To the **elders** among you... be... examples to the flock.
  - Joel 2:28** And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people... your **old** men will dream dreams, your **young** men will see visions.
  
2. **Dysfunctional** family does not disqualify you. (Gen 37:2-4)  
Attributes of Joseph's family:
  - a) Jacob had 4 **wives** – at the same time...and only loved 1! (Gen 37:2)
  - b) Jacob demonstrated **favoritism** with his children. (Gen 37:3)
  - c) Jacob tolerated uncivil **sibling rivalry**. (Gen 37:4)
  
3. **Dumb** decisions do not disqualify you. (Genesis 37:5-11)
  - a) **Dumb** move. (Genesis 37:5)
  - b) **Dumber** move. (Genesis 37:6-8)
  - c) **Dumber-er** move. (Genesis 37:9)
  - d) **Dumber-er-est** move. Genesis 37:10-11

The Hebrew word "rebuked him" means: to **scream** at.

4. **Detours** do not disqualify you. (Gen 37:12-41:41)  
*So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." -Genesis 41:41*

**APPLICATION:** What obstacle is keeping you from moving from dreaming it to doing it?

The Four Spiritual Laws:

**Law #1:** God **loves** you and has a **plan** for your life.

**Law #2:** People are **sinful** and **separated** from God and therefore cannot experience God's love and plan.

**Law #3:** **Jesus** is God's only **provision** through whom we can experience God's love and plan for our life.

**Law #4:** We must individually **receive** Jesus as Savior.

*As many as **received** Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name. - John 1:12*