

Bible Study Outline

Dream Killers — Chapter 2: “The Power of a Dream”
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Key Scripture: Genesis 41:15

“And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it.’”

1. The Story Behind “I Have Heard”

- Genesis 41 begins with Pharaoh’s dream.
- Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams came from an earlier encounter with the Chief Cupbearer and Chief Baker.
- Joseph recognized that interpretations belong to God.
- Joseph interpreted both dreams.
- The Chief Cupbearer eventually remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him

2. Don’t Dismiss Your Dreams

- Ask the Holy Spirit for revelation.
- Talk to those who demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit and can help you pray about what is being shown in dreams.

3. The Dream and the Process

Chapter 2, page 10:

- “God showed Joseph the promise of the dream but not the process.”
- Joseph was required to live out the process.
- Even when given a God-sized dream, the processes and circumstances of life can cause hope to be deferred.
- Joseph experienced circumstances that were very different from the excitement and hope he had once carried.

4. When Hope Is Deferred

- Even the strongest faith can waver.
 - Elijah wanted to die.
 - John the Baptist questioned the validity of Jesus being the Christ.
 - Joseph was going through a process that included heartache and pain.
 - Proverbs 13:12: “Hope deferred makes the heart sick.”
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6. Joseph’s Confidence in God

Chapter 2, pages 11–12

- Joseph ultimately rose to a high place of authority.
 - After unfair treatment by family, bosses, and people he trusted, Joseph remained confident in God.
 - Joseph did not take credit for the interpretation of Pharaoh’s dream.
 - He continued to trust God’s sovereignty.
 - Romans 8:28 — Joseph’s story reflects the confidence that God works all things together for good according to His purpose.
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7. Dreams are Powerful

Chapter 2, pages 14-17

- #1... Life-giving dreams
 - #2... Dream with clarity
 - #3... Dreams replenish hope
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8. The Journey Changes You, Not Your Dream

Chapter 2, pages 17–19

- “The journey never changed Joseph’s dream; the journey changed Joseph.”
- Joseph’s dream eventually came to pass as it had been told to him when he was young.
