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– Genesis 37:2-4 (NLT)

When Dreams Go Wrong

I. What’s in a dream?

“For God does speak—now one way, now another—though man may not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds...”
– Job 33:14-15 (NIV)

- One way God speaks
- A vision in the night while we are asleep

II. A pain in the dream

- Giftedness is not an excuse for bad behavior

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“They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”
– Mark 9:33-37 (NIV)

– We can know God’s plan, have the right motives, & still be far from the will of God

• **A godly person can still make God look bad.**

“Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: “I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.” Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.”
– 1 Samuel 15:10-11 (NIV)

– It does no good to have spiritual maturity without relational maturity

II. Broken dreams ?

David

“After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’”
– Acts 13:22 (NIV)

“King David rose to his feet and said: “Listen to me, my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it. But God said to me, ‘You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.’”
– 1 Chronicles 28:2-3 (NIV)

3 things to know about God’s Plan

– Only you can derail God’s dream for you

“People are never more insecure than when they become obsessed with their fears at the expense of their dreams.”
– Norman Cousins

– Worrying about what the crowd thinks leads to poor decisions

– Focusing on short-term gain leads to terrible decisions.