

The Master of Dreams: Resurrection

We all have a God-given Dream

- God's plan and purpose for our life.
- Our life has meaning. Our life has direction.

Joseph was given a dream that set him on a collision course with evil.

- Resentment: Some will resent what you have been called to because they don't see what God has for them.
- Lust: Some will want to possess God's blessing in your life for themselves. You will have to choose the fantasy or the dream.
- Apathy
- Tragedy

But also set him on a journey of satisfaction and salvation (not comfort)

- Fulfillment
- Reconciliation
- Redemption

Joseph's pursuit of his God-given Dream, shows us something important about how God works.

- He gives us a dream and the dream seems to die.
 - We 'die'. We change. We grow. We mature. The death of the dream changes us.
- The dream is resurrected more glorious than before. (Like a seed)

I see this with the followers of Jesus.

- There was great expectations during Palm Sunday.
- The problem is they weren't great enough.

The disciples thought they were welcoming in a Jewish King.

- They thought he would set up an earthly kingdom
- They thought he would defeat an oppressive empire.

Then they saw their Jewish King die.

- They saw their dream of an earthly kingdom shatter executed by the evil empire they thought would be defeated.

Why does God give us dreams that must die?

- Because there's something limiting in our worldview that must die.
- Our prejudices. Our resentments. Our fantasy. Our revenge.
- For Joseph. For the disciples.
 - What necessarily dies in our lives when our dream dies prepares us for something even greater than the God-given dream.
 - Joseph thought he would lead a family. **Wrong**. He would **save** his family. He would **lead** an empire.

The disciples thought they were welcoming in a Jewish King.

- Yes the Jewish King who welcomed all nations

They thought he would set up an earthly kingdom

- Not an earthly kingdom but the Kingdom of God on earth

They thought he would defeat an oppressive empire.

- Jesus wouldn't defeat an oppressive empire, he would defeat the ultimate oppressor, Death.

My dream died.

- I asked God why he made me and what my God-driven Dream was.
- I believe he told me: to lead a state wide campus ministry.
 - I was rejected by them, accused of being in a cult.
 - Raising support only to be rejected over and over by the people I thought would cheer me the most.
 - A season where I would spend most of my time in an office working on systems and processes and hardly ever on campus.
 - Burnt out at the end of every year.
 - Back on campus doing my best to resurrect the original campus group - only to be rejected again.

Our dream died.

- We had a dream to plant a church within 20 minutes drive of everyone in Melbourne by the year 2020. Guess what it was called?
- I loved that dream. I gave everything for it. I lead the first church plant at La Trobe University.
- We had money, we had leaders, we renovated a dump and turned it into a wonderful church building.

- But we had pride. We had legalism. We were unhealthy and the 2020Vision died.
 - An EN Melbourne nearly died.

Conclusion

But Jesus died and rose again and because he rose again transformed into glory.

- so can my dream be raised again and transformed into glory.

Maybe you have had a dream that seems to have died.

- But maybe it needed to die.
- So it could be resurrected into something greater.

Matthew 28 5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

Jesus has risen.

- And our dreams have risen with him.
- And our dreams have risen like him.
 - Greater. More glorious (for God)
 - I’m not called to be a campus missionary. I’m called to be the pastor of campus missionaries.

Jesus has risen and he goes ahead to meet us in the fulfilment of our God-given Dream.

- And there we will see him.
- The 2020Vision died. And it needed to.
- Now it’s resurrected and we are poised to see Jesus in it.

Your dream is not dead.

The old you is dead.

What you thought you were living your life for is not big enough.

- Not glorious enough.
- There is more.
- There’s always been more for you.
- There’s always been more for us.

