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UNDERDOG SERIES

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THE UNDERDOG: *When the Little Chance of Winning Becomes your Greatest Victory*

“Don’t Quit on your Dream!”

5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.” 19 “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. 20 “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.” - **Genesis 37:5-7,19-20 (NIV)**

IN THIS SERIES WE WILL BE DISCUSSING:

- **Joseph** - *The Obstacle is the Way*
- **Moses** - *The Miracle is in Front of You*
- **Abraham** - *Your Mountains Create Momentum*
- **Joshua** - *Your Blessings are in your Battles*

DON’T GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAMS:

1. EVEN IF YOU DIDN’T START OFF WELL

18 “When Joseph’s brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. 19 As he approached, they made plans to kill him. “Here comes the dreamer!” they said.” - **Genesis 37:18-19 (NLT)**

“A Dream that can’t be Tested is a Dream that Can’t be Trusted”

2. EVEN IF THOSE CLOSEST DON’T SUPPORT YOU

23 “So when Joseph arrived, his brothers ripped off the beautiful robe he was wearing. Then they grabbed him and threw him into the cistern. 24 Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it.” - **Genesis 37:23-24 (NLT)**

“Rejection is God’s Direction”

3. EVEN IF YOUR JOURNEY IS FULL OF SURPRISES

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. - **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

- **Thrown into the Pit**
- **Falsely Accused in Potiphar Palace**
- **Forgotten in Pharaoh’s Prison**
- **In Every instance, Joseph was Positioned to Serve People**

“The Dream isn’t for you to Keep, it’s been entrusted for you to Give Away!”

4. EVEN IF IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO REALIZE IT

“...These things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!” - **Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)**

“Dreams take time to Develop, but the Development is in You”

FINAL WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

- **Focus on what happens in you, not to you**

“What God Starts IN YOU, He’s determined to Finish It THROUGH YOU!”

- **Your response to offense, determines your future**

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good...” - **Genesis 50:20a (NIV)**

- **Every dream has tough times, but remember tough times create a tough dreamer**

“Your biggest Tests will always come right before you step into your Greatest Success”