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UNDERDOG SERIES

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

# “Dreamers Overcome Obstacles!”

**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*

### JOSEPH’S OPPORTUNITIES TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES:

1. *He used the negative experiences connected to his dream to interpret the dreams of others.*
2. *He knew how to balance his pit experience with the pleasures of the palace.*
3. *He learned integrity in the midst of temptation while in Potiphar’s palace.*
4. *He developed administrative skills managing Potiphar’s house & the prison house.*
5. *He refused bitterness and embraced forgiveness towards his brothers.*
6. *He realized God’s reward is better than man’s retaliation.*
7. *He viewed the evil that was plotted against him as God’s intention for good.*

## 1. DREAMERS MUST **DISCONNECT** FROM **DISTRACTION**

For every soldier called to active duty must divorce (or **DISCONNECT**) himself from the **DISTRACTIONS** of this world so that he may fully satisfy the one who chose him. - **2 Timothy 2:4 (TPT)**

“The seed sown among weeds represents the person who receives the message, but all of life’s busy **DISTRACTIONS**, his divided heart, and his ambition for wealth result in suffocating the kingdom message and prevent him from bearing spiritual fruit. - **Matthew 13:22 (TPT)**

**34** A married man will always have divided loyalties. The same idea is true for a young unmarried woman. She concerns herself only with the work of the Lord and how to dedicate herself entirely, body and spirit, to her Lord. On the other hand, a married woman has vast responsibilities for her family and a desire to please her husband. **35** I am not trying to give you more rules and regulations. I

only want to give you advice that is fitting and helpful. **I want to help you live lives of faithful devotion to the Lord without any DISTRACTION.** - 1 Corinthians 7:34-35 (VOICE)

Set your gaze on the path before you. **With fixed purpose, looking straight ahead, ignore life's DISTRACTIONS.** - Proverbs 4:25 (TPT)

## **2. DREAMERS MUST DREAM BEYOND DISAPPOINTMENT**

**20** Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: **21** He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand—**22** but he impaled the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation. **23 The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.** - Genesis 40:20-23 (NIV)

**9** Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, **"Today I am reminded of my shortcomings.** **10** Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. **11 Each of us had a DREAM the same night, and each DREAM had a meaning of its own.** **12** Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our DREAMS, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his DREAM. NIV

**25 "So I will RESTORE to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in PLENTY and be SATISFIED, and PRAISE the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. 27** Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the Lord your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. **28 "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall DREAM DREAMS, your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants. I will pour out My Spirit in those days.** - Joel 2:28-29 (NKJV)

*"Twenty years from now you will be more DISAPPOINTED by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. DREAM. Discover." ~ Mark Twain*

*"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM;  
not only plan, but also believe." ~ Anatole France*

*"No DREAMER is ever too small; no DREAM is ever too big." - Anonymous*

*“Every great DREAM begins with a DREAMER. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” ~ Harriet Tubman*

### **3. DREAMERS MUST **DECIDE** TO BE **DETERMINED****

It is true that you planned to do something bad to me. But really, God was planning good things. **God’s plan was to use me to save the lives of many people. And that is what happened. - GENESIS 50:20 (ERV)**

**57 You are my satisfaction, Lord, and all that I need, so I’m DETERMINED to do everything you say. 58 With all my heart I seek your favor; pour out your grace on me as you promised!...112 I have DETERMINED in my heart to obey whatever you say, fully and forever! 113 I despise those who can’t keep commitments, for I passionately love your revelation-light! 114 You’re my place of quiet retreat, and your wrap-around presence becomes my shield as I wrap myself in your word! - Psalm 119:57-58,112-114 (TPT)**

The confidence of my calling enables me to **OVERCOME every DIFFICULTY** without shame, for I have an intimate revelation of this God. And **my faith in Him convinces me that He is more than able to keep all that I’ve placed in His hands safe and secure** until the fullness of His appearing. - **2 Timothy 1:12 (TPT)**