\*PURSUING YOUR DREAM. \*

In Genesis 37:5, the bible says:

"And Joseph dreamed a dream and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more"

The story of Joseph is one of the most remarkable stories in the bible.

Like Joseph, God has given everyone of us one promise, vision, prophecy or dream in our lives.

The only task left for us is what we do with the dream:

✅ Firstly, be sure your dream is from God. David had the dream twice. Gen 37:9.

God is not an author of confusion.

1 Cor 14:33.

In my little walk with God, I have seen Him reaffirming His words time & time again for the avoidance of doubt.

Gideon asked God for a sign to be sure the message was from God and God honoured it. Judges 6:16-40.

Your dream must pass "the validity test" in the word of God.

That is, it should not negate the ordinances of God.

In Gen.11: 1-9 some people had a dream to build a tower to get to heaven: so they can "make name for themselves".

When God saw their plan and motive: He scattered them.

✅Write down your dream \*but you do not need to share it.\*

Habakkuk 2:2 : "write the vision make it plain upon table that he may run that reads it."

Your dream is \*exclusively\* for you; you are not obliged to share it.

However, you have to follow it through and share the blessing that comes after fulfilment.

Gen 47:11

God has given some of us, unbelievable dreams that are inconceivable for any human mind.

Genesis 37:10 : "And his father rebuked him : what is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and brothers bow down ourselves to thee"?

When God reveals your dream to you initially, it might not make sense to you; how then can other people fathom it?

Hence, \*keep your dream to your chest; but run with it!\*

✅Be prepared for a time of hate and conspiracy.

It takes God and a resolute mind to go through the period of hate and conspiracy; as a result of your God given dream.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says in John 16:33 -

 \*"In the world ye shall have persecution: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"\*

Gen 37:18 "they conspire against him to slay him".

Your most trusted friends will envy and form clique against you.

However, don’t be discouraged by their actions and words.

It's all part of your story and you shall sing a song of victory.

✅There will be opposition; mostly from closest people.

Great dream does not respect seniority. It's about who God put His spirit.

1 Sam 16:13.

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him.

Psalm 89:20.

You can be sure those ahead of you in age and position will shut you down. (David & Joseph's brothers did )

1 Sam 17:28 & Gen 37:8.

In fact your spouse will not come to terms will your dream.

This is because greatness is not written on the forehead. God usually hide great dreams in unqualified people. 1 Sam 16:7-13.

✅God will be silent at some point.

In the journey to the fulflment of your God given dream, there will be moment of silence. When you will ask : where is God?

Obviously, Joseph must have asked such questions; this is not what you showed me?

Your own people will despise you. They will call you names:

Genesis 37: 19: "Behold, this dreamer comes"

As a believer, who studies the bible; you will discover that more often than not; God does not reveal the process period between where you are and your destination.

God is always silent in those times; though solidly working behind the scene. 👁

How do I know?

Genesis 38: 1-2 : Joseph was sold as a slave to Potiphar and \*the Lord was with Joseph.\*

Genesis 39:21:

Joseph was put in the prison;" \*But God was with him"\*

✅Be prepared for Potiphar's wife on your journey of life. Gen 39:7-19.

God usually sets exams for His chosen ones, it can come in different ways; but mostly is a temptation to do what God forbids.

Obedience is better than sacrifice. King Saul failed his own test in

1 Samuel15.

The young prophet in 1 Kings 13: also failed and paid with his life.

I pray for you: may you not fail the test in your journey to the fulfilment of your dream. 🙏🏼

✅God does not need your help to do what he promised.

The saying: "heaven helps those who help themselves" is unscriptural.

Joseph said to Potiphar's wife:

"Can I do this great evil and sin against God?

Gen 39:9

David restrained himself from killing king Saul.

1Samuel :24:10.

Abraham helped God by sleeping with Hagar; but God reaffirmed to him that the promised son will come from Sarah.Gen 17:19

✅Stay focused, be \*strong and courageous\* being diligent in what you do.

 \*Boldness\* knowing God is behind you is a necessity.

Joseph said" it is not me: God shall give Pharoah an answer of peace". Gen 41:16

God repeatedly told Joshua to be strong and courageous on his dream to leading the Isrealites to the promise land.

Joshua 1.

Diligence is very key: Prov: 22:29.

 "A man's gift makes room for him; it brings him before great men"Prov 18:16.

Joseph was summoned by Pharaoh because of his gift. Gen 41:14.

Daniel was preferred above others because of the excellent spirit in him.

Daniel 6:3.

I don't know about you; God will make room for me at the top.🙏🏼

✅At the appointed time God will fulfil your dream. \*Gen 18:14\*

"At the time appointed I will return unto thee according to the time of life and Sarah shall have a son"

\*Gen 41:1\* - "And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharoah had a dream".

There is an appointed time for the fulfilment of every dream from God. Ecc 3:1.

God is never late they say; but He is not early either!

The story of Abraham, David and Joseph confirm God likes to take His time; \*but He is worth waiting for.\* Isaiah 43:31.

It does not matter, how big your dream is; God is able to bring it to pass.

1 Thess 5:24.

The Lord said to me: I will do a thing at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.1Sam 3:11

In conclusion, I don't know those who have colluded and have been despising you because of what God has put in you.

 \*As the Lord lives, before whom I stand ; they shall soon bow down for you.\* 🙏🏼

I claim that for myself. 👈🏽

 \*Gen50:20\* "They intended it for evil; but God meant it for Good......".

When Haman conspired against Mordecai he failed and his plan turned out for promotion for Mordecai.

Everyone conspiring against you and I will fail and fall into their pit. AMEN 🙏🏼🙏🏼🙏🏼

Don't give up on your dream!

Signed, Bro Cole