THERE IS HOPE: WHEN YOUR DREAMS ARE SHATTERED

"Ever more people today have the means to live, but no meaning to live for." -Viktor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*.

Our dreams reveal a deep layer of our <u>identity</u> because our dreams are born out of our <u>passions</u> and giftedness.

THE EXAMPLE OF JOSEPH (Genesis 39-50):

Genesis 39:2, NLT: The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.

Dreams are <u>great</u> things but they should never be <u>THE</u> thing.

Genesis 39:21-22, NIV: The Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all

Genesis 50:19-20, NIV: Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, BUT GOD intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

Dreams should never be THE thing.

Dreams are far too small to live for!

Isn't the giver far greater than the gift?

Dreams are great things, but a life <u>surrendered</u> to living God's way is THE thing.

Micah 6:8, NLT: O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy & to walk humbly with your God.

Proverbs 10:9, NLT: People with integrity walk safely.

John 5:19, NLT: I only do what I see the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE GRAVEYARD OF SHATTERED DREAMS:

>> Practice Perspective!

John 3:3, NIV: Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.

>> Invest in passion, not dreams!

Maybe the juice isn't fulfilling your dreams but living your <u>passion!</u>

James 1:2, NIV: Consider it pure joy, my friends, whenever you face trials of many kinds.

1 Corinthians 3:21-23, NIV: All things are yours, whether...the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Hope For All

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