

**December 11 | Sunday**

**Joseph: Dreams that guided him**

Read [Matthew 1:18-24](#)



**12 | Mon – A course correction** | Read [Matthew 1:19-21](#)

We tend to dismiss vivid dreams as a result of too much late-night snacking... and often they are. But in this story, we see how God used dreams at several points to guide Joseph. Have you ever sensed an “inner nudge” from God directing you? Are you open to receiving God’s direction however He delivers it? Whatever God may say to you in a dream will always line up with His written words in the Scriptures.

**13 | Tue – Dreams connect earth with heaven** | Read [Genesis 28:10-17](#)

In this familiar story, Jacob had no greater purpose than to escape from his angry brother, Esau. Stopping for some sleep on his quick getaway, Jacob had a dream in which God promised some amazing things. He awoke with a life-changing sense of God’s awesome presence and broke into worship. This sense of God’s “realness” changed the trajectory of his life. Are you in need of the reassurance of God’s presence in your life? Ask God to build a bridge between your heart and His, like the stairway in Jacob’s dream.

**14 | Wed – A dream conversation** | Read [Kings 3:5-15](#)

The death of King David left a vacuum in Israel’s national life. An interview with God in a dream reveals how ill-equipped David’s son Solomon felt to rule as the new king. If God were to say to you, either in a dream or some other way, “Ask whatever you want me to give you,” how would you respond? Look at Solomon’s answer and then read God’s reply. When you have a need, follow Solomon’s example and see what happens.

**15 | Thu – Not all dreams can be trusted** | Read [Jeremiah 23:16-18, 25-27](#)

False prophets in Jeremiah’s day were claiming that they’d had dreams telling that “all would be well.” This was directly contrary to Jeremiah’s warnings about Israel’s disastrous spiritual course and the judgement that was coming as a result. There are times when God’s message is “all is well” but not when you are following the your own willful heart. What are some ways to see if a dream or inner nudge fits into God’s purposes?

**16 | Fri – Praying helps us see God-given dreams** | Read [Colossians 1:9-14](#) and [James 1:5](#)

Paul prayed fervently that the believers in Colossae would know God’s will. It never makes sense to blindly rely on dreams, signs or other messages without submitting them to God in prayer. When we accurately discern God’s will, it will “produce fruit in every good work.” James (Jesus’ little brother) confidently proclaims that God will give wisdom to anyone who sincerely asks. Do you think James saw this truth while growing up? It is not hard to imagine that his (and Jesus’ earthly) father Joseph prayed for wisdom while trying to parent the Son of God along with his own children.

**17 | Sat – Dreams: one way God guides** | Read [Acts 2:14-17](#) and [16:6-10](#); [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

On the day of Pentecost after the Holy Spirit had been poured out on Jesus’ followers, Peter preached a sermon to explain that these events were consistent with the prophecy in Joel 2:28. Later when Paul was traveling toward one destination, God used a dream to direct him to a completely different place. Do you need assurance that you are moving in the right direction? If so, ask God to show you and He will. It might be through a dream or maybe not, but you can be certain... God WILL direct your path, if you acknowledge Him and do not lean totally on your own understanding.