



Overcomer Series  
Week 2: "Shattered Dreams"  
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"Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "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 37:19-20 NIV).

1. Don't allow despair to devour our dreams.

"When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father" (Genesis 37:21-22 NIV).

2. There are cisterns on our journey.

"So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt." (Genesis 37:28 NIV).

3. God ordains resistance to reinforce our resolve.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How has Holy Spirit spoken to you in this message?
2. What may be some dreams that God have spoken to you?
3. Were there times you may have despaired?
4. Cisterns are metaphors for difficult challenges in our lives. What are some cisterns in your life?
5. God does not make bad things happen to people but, he allows them to happen? How have you changed because of them?

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