

*Finding Stability in Rough Waters*  
*Genesis 41:28-32, 47-54*

Like cruise ships, we need \_\_\_\_\_ since life is like a rolling \_\_\_\_\_. Today we are again going to examine a time in the life of Joseph—maybe the most stabilized person in all Scripture—to see if we can learn from his life about stabilizing ours.

Gen. 41 records Joseph's meteoric rise from forgotten prisoner to 2<sup>nd</sup> in command in all of Egypt. His life had many ups and downs. Yet the picture that emerges of Joseph is one of courage, \_\_\_\_\_, and unshakable confidence. Joseph was a model of \_\_\_\_\_. From where did his stability come? From his God-given \_\_\_\_\_. He refused to lose sight of that original, God-given dream, and it functioned like a stabilizer under the surface of rough waters.

Joseph's dream may have started while he slept, but another kind of dream developed. His dream, the kind I am talking about, became an inner \_\_\_\_\_ of a yet-unrealized \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible is full of stories of dreams that fueled great walks with God. \_\_\_\_\_, Abraham, David, \_\_\_\_\_, and many others dreamed God-given dreams. And our Lord, for the \_\_\_\_\_—the \_\_\_\_\_—set before Him endured the cross, despised its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the Father.

You too \_\_\_\_\_ if you have received Jesus as Savior. Whenever a person comes to the Lord by faith, a dream is there—a dream of \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus, of \_\_\_\_\_ with God, of \_\_\_\_\_ other lives with the grace you have found in Him.

What has happened to your dream? Does your dream to have Christ formed in you still \_\_\_\_\_ you and \_\_\_\_\_ you? Or is it \_\_\_\_\_?

African American writer Langston Hughes titled one of his poems "Dreams":

*Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die,  
life is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ that cannot \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*Hold fast to dreams, for when dreams go,  
life is a \_\_\_\_\_, frozen with \_\_\_\_\_.*