**READ: Genesis 37:1-11**

* His brothers and father bowing down to him was not his calling
* Rising up as a **leader** was **his calling**
* **Saving the nation of Israel** and Egypt was **his destiny or purpose**

**Every DREAM or CALLING must be tested. Tested by FIRE!**

* **When God releases a calling in your life, He also lights up a fire!** WHY- To protect you!
* The destiny has the potential to destroy you if you’re not ready to handle the dream
* **WHEN GOD CONNECTS DREAMS TO DESTINIES: HE LIGHTS A FIRE!**
* The very first thing that's revealed by God’s fire in the life of Joseph is this: His big mouth! Just kidding, he had a big mouth but the true thing that was revealed was this: **PRIDE**

**PRIDE** is seeking the attention and approval of men. **HUMILITY** is seeking the attention and approval of God. The key ingredient to nurture God’s dream or calling for your life is HUMILITY!

“God resists the proud, **BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE**” (James 4:6)

* God lights the fire, yes to purge out pride, **BUT IT IS ALSO TO IGNITE HIS GRACE IN US**
* **WITHOUT THE FIRE OF HIS GRACE- WE CANNOT CONNECT THE DREAM WITH THE DESTINY**

**The Fire of His Grace will reveal 3 things:**

1. **YOUR IDENTITY**
* The root of pride is insecurity which is: **NOT KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST**

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal 2:20)

* **Your identity is not in the dream but in the giver of the dream**
* Don't be a dream chaser but a God chaser
1. **YOUR HEART**

“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.” (Proverbs 4:23)

* So if pride is in the heart, it comes out- Pride cannot be silent. It has a voice!
* Nurture the dream with grace and humility
1. **YOUR STEWARDSHIP**

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.” (Colossians 3:23 NLT)

* Remain faithful! Do the ONE thing God has called you to do!

**Conclusion**

* What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?
* God does not promise an easy road, but His Grace will lead you and empower you!