

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Speaker: Martin Armstrong



To Be A Transforming  
Community Committed  
to Jesus Christ

**The Pride Test: Genesis 37:1-11** (Dream to Destiny book by Robert Morris)

*God has a dream and a destiny for every person. But we need to pass some tests before we can fulfill our destiny.*

1. Every person has a God-given dream and destiny. Do you know what your God given dream and destiny is? Would you like to share it with the group?
2. How does God show us His dream for our lives (Numbers 12:6-8)? How can we be sure our dream is from God? Share a time when you believe that God spoke to you in a dream about your future?
3. An important test that Joseph faced was the **pride test**. What is the difference between bragging about some Godly intervention in our life and testifying? Isaiah 48:11.
4. Modern society does not see pride as a problem and would be more likely to call it 'high self-esteem'? Discuss
5. Proud people are often blind to how they are perceived by others. Discuss this in the life of Joseph and in the lives of people you have observed.
6. As well as God's dreams, we also have selfish dreams & ambitions. Give some examples of how we may get these muddled? How can we tell which is which?
7. Why does God not allow us to reach our destiny when there is pride in our heart? (Read Psalm 10:4, Proverbs 11:2, 13:10, 29:23 and James 4:6)

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8. Share a time when you were guilty of bragging?
9. Insecurity can be a root of pride. If pride is in our heart, insecurity is likely to be in our soul. Explain the relationship between pride and insecurity.
10. **John 15:15** tells us that we are friends of God. How does understanding that we are a friend / child of God, deal with insecurity in our soul?
11. Read Matthew 12:34 and 15:18. In what way do our words reveal what's in our heart? What does pride sound like?
12. **Why is it so important for our identity to be in Christ and not in what we do** especially in regard to fulfilling God's destiny for our lives?
13. Submit your life and your dream to the Lord. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth and empower you to live for God's purposes alone. Pray for each other.