

## **God's Dream Your Reality** **Week 4 – Moving Forward**

Life's three greatest questions:

- 1) The question of existence – why am I alive?
- 2) The question of significance – does my life matter?
- 3) The question of intention – what is my purpose?

*It is important for us to have dreams for our lives. It is even more important to know that God has dreams for us?*

God's dream for our lives may be different than our dreams for our lives!

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT) "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. **9** For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT) That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

1 Corinthians 2:10 (NLT) But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

Dreams are Revealed through Relationship

When the relationship stops growing the revelation stops flowing

John 5:19 (NKJV) Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

Philippians 1:3-6 (NKJV) I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

***Vision gives hope. Vision gives a sense of destiny & when God gives you sight it's because God is giving you a glimpse of what could be in your life and in your future.***

***A man without a vision is a man without a future. And a man without a future will always return to his past.***

***– Author Unknown***

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Habakkuk 2:1-4 (NKJV) I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. 2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. 4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

1. I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, **And watch to see what He will say to me**, And what I will answer when I am corrected.
  - **God desires to impart to us, His dreams for us, we must listen with anticipation.**
2. Then the LORD answered me and said: "**Write the vision And make it plain** on tablets, That he may run who reads it.
  - **When God speaks we need to write it down.**
3. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. **Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come**, It will not tarry.

***"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success unexpected in common hours."***

***- Henry David Thoreau***

4. Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But **the just shall live by his faith**.

"Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God. (NLT)

- A God sized dream must be embraced by faith and will only be realized through faith.

***"Big thinking precedes great achievement." - Wilferd Peterson***

***"You've got to think about big things while you're doing small things, so that all the small things go in the right direction." - Alvin Toffler***

"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history.

Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new.

It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (The Message)

Philippians 3:12-14 (NKJV) Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. **13** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, **14** I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14 (The Message) I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

Sin, Resisting and Disobedience = hardness

Hebrews 3:7-8 (New Living Translation) That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, **8** don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness.

Begin walking by Reading, Praying, Developing the "Fruit of the Spirit" and Witnessing.

God will speak.

1 Kings 19:11-13 (NLT) Not in the wind not in the "Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. **12** And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. **13** When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

And a voice said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Despise not small beginnings

It is not about God fulfilling your dream it is about that your obedience to fulfill God's dream

Desires of our heart Psalm 37:4 (NLT) Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.

The Cross

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How important is it?

What if we had never been born again (Ephesians 2:10) what if we don't pursue God's dream?

James 4:13-15 (New Living Translation) Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." **14** How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. **15** What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

Double minded man

**James 1:5-8 (NLT)** If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. **6** But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. **7** Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

10-11After several days of visiting, a prophet from Judea by the name of Agabus came down to see us. He went right up to Paul, took Paul's belt, and, in a dramatic gesture, tied himself up, hands and feet. He said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: The Jews in Jerusalem are going to tie up the man who owns this belt just like this and hand him over to godless unbelievers."

12-13When we heard that, we and everyone there that day begged Paul not to be stubborn and persist in going to Jerusalem. But Paul wouldn't budge: ***"Why all this hysteria? Why do you insist on making a scene and making it even harder for me? You're looking at this backward. The issue in Jerusalem is not***

***what they do to me, whether arrest or murder, but what the Master Jesus does through my obedience. Can't you see that?"***

**1 Peter 5:6-7 (NLT)** So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. **7** Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.