

God's Plan for Your Dreams
"Dream, Plan, Execute"
Ge. 37.5-8

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The dream God gives is given to advance a kingdom agenda. Much of what people are dreaming now is just for their own good. But aren't we old enough to know that when the dream or vision is selfish it really never satisfies but becomes another source of frustration and potential pain?

Today I want to encourage you to "dream on" but to line your dream up with a kingdom agenda and prepare yourself for the pain that dreams bring. I'm living out my dream right now and it is the most wonderfully painful, positive gruesome experience I have ever known. I love it and hate it. I long for it and run from it. Because it's not really what I wanted but what He wanted. It's great for Him and "not heaven" for me.

You see, we are talking about God's plans this month and quite often those plans come to us through the dream that's in our heart. Once He cleanses our hearts from the dictates of the flesh and worldly influence and the selfishness that we all carry- He can talk to us through our desires.

1. Let God have control of your heart.
2. Let God have control of your future.
3. Let God judge the things that come out of your heart.

Matt 12:34-35

34 "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart."

Acts 16:9-10

9 A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

GOD BLESSING ME SO THAT I CAN BLESS OTHERS!! Dr. Sam Chand

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1. How to Dream God's dream!

One the ways you will know if the dream is real will be based on your willingness to go in the pit for it! Joseph was happy about dreaming at first but in time he hated his own dream. It haunted him!

- When the dream from God it will withstand the test of time and trouble!
- When the dream is from God you can't disconnect from it
- When the dream is from God it will line up with His Word, expand the kingdom and ultimately bless you!

God gave me a dream to plant a church in Norfolk. I didn't want this I wanted to raise up a church in Tennessee. I prayed someone would talk me out of this and still wish someone would at times!

2. How to Hold onto God's Dream!

- Keep giving it back to Him - I want your purpose not mine
Prov 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

- Remain willing to give it up!

Prov 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

- Write it down!

Hab 2:3 "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay."

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3. How to Dream God Size Dreams!

- Time makes the dream grow bigger! Ha.2.3

Just like a plant or a baby or talent, as time is allowed the thing grows larger. The patience our dream requires has little to do with God needing time to execute but more to do with it happening within its optimum context.

- Dream someone else's dreams! Luke 16:12

12 "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?"

My experience with five churches before coming to this one affirms the notion that faithfulness in little translates into faithfulness in much.

- Welcome the haters! Gen 37:18-21

19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer! 20 "Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!" NASU

READ Ge.45.4-11

Ultimately God is at work...

Gen 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. KJV