

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

## **ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:**

- 1. Do you think there is a difference between God's dreams and our dreams? How might God's dreams be better than anything we can imagine or hope for? (Read 1 Corinthians 2:9)
- 2. Have you ever felt the 'death' of a dream? Has the Lord since revealed anything to you about what may come to life as a result?
- 3. Do you trust God with your dreams? Why or why not?
- 4. If a God-given dream always affects others beyond yourself, who might God have in mind as he imparts His dream to you?
- 5. Take some time to pray and ask the Lord for your 'Better Dream'.

## FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

- 1. From a young age, we encourage kids to dream big; but have you taken time to encourage your kids to discover God's dream? How can you do that today? Using the sermon notes and scripture outlining Abraham's story, teach your kids how to take courage when their dreams seem shattered, and how to surrender to God's dreams in their lives.
- 2. Take some time to pray together as a family.



## **Today's Service**

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Series: Better | Jesus is Greater | Part 4: A Better Dream

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Abraham had a dream.		God's dreams for your life will always affect more people than just yourself.  The father of faith yielded histo the One							
<b>Genesis 12:1-7</b> (NLT) <sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show									
					you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation. I will b			•	
and you will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." <sup>4</sup> So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." And Abram built an altar there and		W110	who the end from the beginning.						
		We don't know how far reaching our dream can go, but God knows.							
		Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.  NOTES:							
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					Genesis 15:1-6 (NLT) <sup>1</sup> Some time later, the Lor	•			
		and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I							
reward will be great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram replied, "O S your blessings when I don't even have a son? Si									
children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my h									
wealth. <sup>3</sup> You have given me no descendants of									
will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "N									
heir, for you will have a son of your own who w	ill be your heir." <sup>5</sup> Then								
the Lordtook Abram outside and said to him, "L									
the stars if you can. That's how many descenda	-								
believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as	righteous because of his faith.								
(Ref. Genesis 17:1-7; 18:9-10; & 21:1-3)									
Dreams are sometimes	<i>,</i> but								
should never be.									
Dreams sometimes have to	so the								
of God can be realized. (Re	f. Isaiah 53:10; John 12:24;								
Romans 4:25; Romans 5:6-9; Genesis 22:1-18; G	Galatians 3:6,16; Romans 4:13-								
16, Hebrews 1:1-3; 10:5-7; Galatians 4:4)				-					
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