

Sermon Outline - Sun, January 24th, 2021 – Sacred Dreaming
(Genesis 28:10-22; Acts 2:14-21)

Overview – We continue with our theme Sacred Dreaming. Last week we talked about three attributes of a God-given vision – 1. It is bigger than you. 2. It brings healing within your blood or chosen family. 3. It may start in one tribe but brings liberation to all.

Story Exegesis

- In Bible study we got a little more into some of the specific characteristics of a God-given vision and why we sometimes end up with warped visions – just a reminder
 - If it centers you and not the larger world, doesn't lead to relational healing or collaboration and only benefits your tribe – IT IS NOT GOD'S VISION
- Jacob is on a journey he leaves his home to go somewhere else and finds God on the way.
- The apostles are in a deep unknown. Jesus left only vague clues about what is next
- Journeys are about shifting and movement and so much vision is revealed in the “in between” spaces. Like radio- getting a clear sound requires tuning.

Key Points – God's Vision Unfolds on Journey

1. Mental Journey - God's vision requires you to look beyond the current reality. That is why God so often speaks through literal dreams when you are in a space not controlled by “reality.” You have to journey beyond the status quo thinking.
2. Physical Journey - God's vision requires you to leave your place of comfort and go to the place where you can't stay in your routine. Stability lends itself to the status quo, so God's vision will often call you to physically go to uncomfortable places.
3. Social Journey - The unfolding of God's vision often requires us to build with and learn from people who don't regularly move in our social circles. It might mean a criminal justice advocate ends up in deep conversation with a prison guard. That an old school teacher learns something new from a high school dropout.

IT IS PROBABLY NOT GOD IF.....

The vision is imaginable in the world as it is.....

If you get to stay in the same space and place with the same routine.....

If you get to hang out with all the same folks and work only with folks who agree with you.....

Starting from the wrong vision at its best can lead you to waste time at its worst can have you pursuing unjust ends with passion and zealousness. That is why people could be at the Capitol steps with Jesus Saves signs. But we are all in danger of that.

Core Questions –

1. What is a vision that you see in the scriptures or have heard in the current context that seems crazy and God-like? Spend some time imagining this vision and what is possible.
2. How can you get out of your physical space and routine even in the midst of this pandemic so that God can shake you up a bit and reveal new dreams?
3. What relationship do you already have or could you build that would push you beyond your comfort zone and open up new visions of relational healing or radical community?