

## HAVE FAITH IN YOUR IMAGINATION 07: A SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE STUDY GUIDE

Having a great imagination is the best cure for depression, for covid, for the lockdown, it makes you immune to conspiracy theories and so on. You need a great imagination. It helps you get a sense of perspective. Most of us magnify our problems and minimize God and have the wrong perspective. You can get a good imagination – and that will give you a good sense of perspective. A weak, untrained imagination will MOVE MOUNTAINS, but it will move them where there was only a molehill. You will magnify satan and his works and ignore and forget the grace and mercy of God.

A man came to me for help once, he was dealing with temper tantrums which were very scary for his wife and small children, and I spent about an hour with him helping him harness his emotions. After a couple of weeks, he called me again, and told me that he was out of control, that he could not harness his emotions. He wanted me to pray, and pray that God would do something – magic – and agree with him that God would change his OUT OF CONTROL EMOTIONS that he could not control.

I said “I can’t agree with you – because the WORD SAYS THAT YOU CAN RESIST THE DEVIL and HE WILL FLEE. The WORD OF GOD WORKS – it’s wrong to say otherwise. We cannot pray THAT GOD WILL BYPASS HIS WORD – you have to resist the DEVIL. You have to see yourself as SOMEONE WITH AUTHORITY.

You have to IMAGINE YOURSELF TO SOMEONE WITH AUTHORITY

You have to IMAGINE YOURSELF IN CHARGE OF YOUR EMOTIONS!

You have to IMAGINE BIG THINGS BIG – God, life, goodness, destiny

You have to IMAGINE SMALL THINGS SMALL – satan, persecution, hardships

YOU HAVE TO PUT YOUR WALK WITH GOD INTO THE MIDDLE OF YOUR IMAGINATION. This is the finale of me teaching on IMAGINATION this series – I have other teachings and will really focus on this NEXT YEAR – and at NEXT HEAL THE NATIONS. But my finale for this season is PUT GOD IN THE MIDDLE OF IT. PUT YOUR WALK WITH GOD IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR IMAGINING – not the news, not the world, not the things going on in the world. STOP DREAMING NEGATIVE THINGS!

Listen it is not what HAPPENS TO YOU THAT DETERMINES YOUR FEELING – it is what you dream about what happens to you, it is how you frame it – it is YOUR SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE.

Connie Weiskopf – one of Andrew Wommack’s healing journeys – she got cancer. Told she would die. Now her nice, good, Christian friends told her – you need to learn all you need to learn about this cancer, what to eat, what medicine you need, you need to learn all about the cancer. But Jesus spoke to her and said “You need to learn nothing about cancer. You need to learn about healing!”

God was telling Connie to get a sense of perspective. Without that, your imagination will run away with you. CANCER is a small thing, it’s tiny. CHRIST is big. HE IS HUGE. You study cancer you will have a negative image in your imagination.

Study CHRIST and put CHRIST in your imagination – in your dreams, in your thought, in your ideas. Connie started listening to Andrew, reading her BIBLE – and studied

HEALING. She learned zero about her cancer, didn't google it, didn't ask the doctor anything. AND SHE WAS COMPLETELY HEALED!

IF YOUR IMAGINATION IS GROUNDED ON JESUS AND MAKES JESUS BIG AND HIS LOVE FOR YOU BIG AND HIS GRACE BIG AND HIS PLANS FOR YOU BIG – everything else that knocks on the door – covid, cancer, job loss, persecution – IT'S ALL TINY – if you have a GOOD PERSPECTIVE.

You need to build a good perspective! WHEN THINGS ARE PUSHING YOUR MIND AROUND – you need to push back!

Read Psalm 42.5. Do not be afraid to ask your soul questions – ask yourself WHY ARE YOU SAD – because that person is not speaking to me again – who are they to make you sad? THEY ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT TO YOUR JOY. Because I am so sick – YOU WILL GET BETTER. Because I don't have the money to do this or that – that's just another testimony coming! WHATEVER IT IS – WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU SOUL – HOPE IN GOD – I SHALL YET PRAISE HIM – HE IS THE HEALTH OF MY COUNTEenance (FACE). God is what makes your face healthy. If you have God, your face should not look like you were baptized in lemon juice.

IF YOU FEEL DISQUIET – don't ignore it and hope it will go away, don't dope yourself up – REMEMBER GOD – REMEMBER HIS GREAT MERCY – REMEMBER YOU ARE FORGIVEN – REMEMBER YOU ARE GOING TO SPEND ETERNITY IN HEAVEN – REMEMBER HE IS YOUR HELP AND HEALTH. Praise HIM!

Read 2 Cor. 2.14. We are always led in triumph. TRIUMPH is not victory. VICTORY is winning a fight. TRIUMPH is the party for the winners. CHRIST IS THE VICTOR, we have the triumph. He won the fight but we all get in the party. If you realized that you can win every battle in HIM – ALWAYS! If you made that BIG – got a good sense of perspective – then you would rejoice. You would never be sad. You would never let a problem get the better of you! I HAVE ALREADY GOT THE INVITE TO THE WINNERS' PARTY!

GOD MADE YOU – GOD MADE YOU LIKE HIM – and LIKE HIM YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR SELF – you can control if you are happy or sad.

JESUS knew this. Read John 14.1. He said "Let not your heart be troubled" He would not be unfair – He would not tell you to LET NOT if your heart was out of your control! IT IS UP TO YOU IF YOU ARE TROUBLED or not. IT IS UP TO YOU

Well, you don't know what I am going through, someone might say. Well, Peter and the others left their jobs to go work for JESUS – they quit their jobs to work for the ministry. They watched JESUS heal the sick and raise the dead, and speak wisdom, they were learning from HIM – they had joined this wonderful new ministry and it was great. NOW JESUS IS ABOUT TO BE KILLED RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM – and the night before HE SAYS DO NOT LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED. If we cannot live ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES AND DEATH AND PAIN AND PERSECUTION AND LIVE IN THE WORD – IF WE CANNOT CHOOSE TO DO SO, then JESUS would be very unfair to say "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED"

But HE DID SAY IT – so you can do it. You see the NHS won't say that – they would say that's unreasonable. Your family might say "you can't help feeling that way". If you see your friend, your pastor – mocked, spat on, whipped, crucified and then put in a tomb. It's only natural to feel troubled. It's denial to not be troubled when your friend is killed,

and your employer to boot. BUT IF JESUS' DISCIPLES HAD LISTENED TO HIM and LISTENED TO THE WORD – not circumstances.

CIRCUMSTANCES said the game was over. JESUS IS DEAD. THAT'S WHAT THEY HEARD, SAW AND FELT. DEAD IS DEAD, according to our senses.

BUT if they had thought about it – JESUS TOLD THEM 14 times – 14 TIMES – I am coming back. Read Matthew 16.21. If the disciples believed that, they would be happy even watching Jesus die! But they DID NOT BELIEVE IT – they did not believe that they could BE OF GOOD CHEER, trouble came – JESUS TOLD THEM (JOHN 16.33) THAT HE HAS WON. But they didn't believe!

They didn't believe it – so the circumstances overwhelmed them! IF YOU REALIZED WHAT IS INSIDE YOU RIGHT NOW – CHRIST IN YOU – the HOPE OF GLORY (COL. 1.27) – IF YOU REALIZED JESUS IS INSIDE YOU – sickness wouldn't bother you, poverty wouldn't bother you, covid wouldn't scare you – YOUR IMAGINATION FOR TOMORROW WOULD BE FULL OF LIFE AND JOY AND EXCITEMENT.

But that's not what the disciples did – they panicked. Now – do you all know that at the end of JOHN's gospel Jesus visits the DISCIPLES TWICE

Read John 20.19-23. This was the first visit of the resurrected Jesus to His disciples; they saw Him and were filled with joy. I believe this is when they were born again, they believed He was risen from the dead and they confessed him as Lord.

WE ALL NEED that ENCOUNTER WITH THE RISEN LORD – to get our dead spirits born again. WE ALL NEED TO HAVE CHRIST IN US.

BUT – this is where most people get confused – THE NEW BIRTH CHANGES YOUR SPIRIT FROM DEAD TO ALIVE, FROM SIN TO RIGHTEOUSNESS. YOU actually change spiritual family – from satan's family to God's family. YOUR SPIRIT COMPLETELY CHANGES! BUT it doesn't really change your thinking. Obviously – you used to think Jesus was dead, or a liar, or a madman, or a false prophet, or a nice man. NOW YOU BELIEVE HE IS THE RISEN LORD OF ALL, the SAVIOUR OF MANKIND – that will change your thinking in other areas, but it doesn't really change your thinking that much.

Our body doesn't change when we are born again – if you bald, still bald, if you fat, still fat, if you male, still male. YOU LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME ON THE BODY LEVEL.

YOUR MIND DOESN'T REALLY CHANGE EITHER. So, we get saved – OUR SPIRIT IS TOTALLY TRANSFORMED. 100% saved. TOTAL GLORY, TOTAL JESUS, TOTAL LIFE, TOTAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

So, now – PETER – and I am going to pick on PETER to show something to you – AFTER JOHN 20 has met and believed in the LIVING LORD. HE IS NOW A CHRISTIAN – HE IS BORN AGAIN – HE IS RIGHTEOUS ON THE INSIDE, HE IS FULL OF LIFE AND HAS A LIVING SPIRIT – LOVE, JOY, PEACE. He now knows who JESUS IS.

BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE. If you do not understand this you will spend your whole life confused. You need to – it was Peter told us this a couple of weeks ago – ADD TO YOUR FAITH.

You need another encounter with Jesus in your thinking, in your imagination.

Read John 21.1. JESUS APPEARED AGAIN – you need to encounter JESUS AGAIN. You need more than just being born again to WIN! Look at PETER BEFORE IT HAPPENED! WATCH PETER – some of you are a little like PETER – you are born again, but you need another encounter to DEAL WITH YOUR IMAGINATION.

Read John 21.2-3. Why did Peter decide to go fishing – because in his imagination he was a fisherman! In your imagination you do what you see yourself doing.

WHY GO FISHING – when JESUS DIED – Peter thought the game was over. Now JESUS IS ALIVE, Peter is now happy and born again – BUT HIS IMAGINATION HASN'T CHANGED.

When Jesus died – the trauma of that – because Peter LET HIS HEART BE TROUBLED – the trauma of that killed his dreams of ministry, of helping people, of building the church, of sharing revelations with people. HIS IMAGINATION WAS NOT TOUCHED BY GOD! HE WAS NOT DREAMING BIG, HE WAS NOT DREAMING AT ALL – it was back to normal now. The dream of this great new church, this wonderful pastor – it's over. Also, he denied JESUS – that shame – remember I said last week how powerful shame is – I can't be a minister anyway, I am back to being a FISHERMAN. In his mind HE WAS JUST A FISHERMAN!

"We'll come, too," they all said. So, they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. THEY ALL FOLLOWED – Peter was still a leader. He has the grace on his life to lead, but didn't have a dream, so people followed him – they liked him – they wanted to be around him, so HE LED THEM TO A BOAT AND A HARD DAYS WORK!

They caught nothing all night – it is hard to be fruitful in the WRONG PLACE! This works both ways – people not called to ministry but called to fish will find ministry hard. NO GRACE IN THE WRONG PLACE! PETER IS BORN AGAIN, but HIS IMAGINATION IS STILL DARK. He wasn't thinking about JESUS SAYING "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH ON YOU" – he wasn't thinking that JESUS CALLED HIM TO LIFT UP HIS BROTHERS AND LEAD PEOPLE TO WORSHIP, TO FELLOWSHIP, TO THE WORD – no, his imagination was incapable of doing that – IT COULD ONLY THINK FISH!

Some of us are so limited in our imagination – WE ARE BORN AGAIN, we have GOD ON THE INSIDE, but our images in our mind are FISH, COMPUTERS, DINNER, PRETTY GIRLS, GOOD MUSIC, OUR FAVOURITE SOAP. There is nothing supernatural going on in our dreams! There is nothing above and beyond all we can ask or dream. There is just the same dreams as the person next door! That's not right. WE NEED ANOTHER ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS! WE need to lift our thoughts as well as our spirit.

MANY CHRISTIANS their spirit is FULL OF LIFE, but their imagination is nowhere!

Read John 21.4-6. What a glorious miracle. A miracle of abundance. A miracle of love, of grace, they didn't deserve that. There's a lot going on here – one moment of obedience will be more fruitful than a night of godless toil. BUT JESUS GAVE PETER TOO MUCH – HE WAS TRYING TO HELP HIM SEE WHAT HE COULD DO IF HE JUST LISTENED TO JESUS, IF HE JUST DREAMED LIKE JESUS, IF HE STOPPED THINKING ABOUT FISH.

Read John 21.7-9. JESUS not only got them all the fish, he found his own fish and cooked them breakfast. What a gracious LORD!

Read John 21.10-14. Jesus said to Peter bring me the fish and put the fish next to me. He was created a sermon illustration. They all fellowshipped and ate breakfast. This was the third time that the Lord appeared. The first time, the disciples got born again, the second time, Thomas got born again and caught up, this third time was not to do with getting born again but getting them to use their imagination.

Read John 21.15. Jesus was not asking Peter if he loved him more than other disciples, the whole context of this verse is fish. NO – the context is FISH. The purpose is to provoke PETER TO DREAM. Jesus made Peter bring him the fish and put the fish right there. And then asked Peter – DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN FISH? Are you an apostle or a fisherman? WHO DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS? WHAT DO YOU DREAM OF DOING? Going fishing or changing the world? WHAT DO YOU DREAM OF – same old, same old – or raising the dead? PETER I WANT YOU TO SUPPORT OTHERS, to help others, to restore others, I want your shadow to heal the sick, I want your heart to be for others not for fish, I want you to CHANGE THE DREAM, change your imagining, change the image. GETTING BORN AGAIN IS NOT ENOUGH – it does not change the heart. AS A MAN THINKS – IMAGINES – IN HIS HEART – SO IS HE.

Peter, you are now FULL OF GLORY – FULL OF GRACE – YOUR SPIRIT IS NOW REBORN; YOUR LIFE IS NOW CHANGED. EVERYTHING IS MADE NEW – EVERYTHING IS OF GOD – you are in the family; you are walking with GOD – you are AT A BRAND NEW LEVEL! YOU ARE IN COVENANT WITH GOD – you are sealed with the SPIRIT, you are accepted in the BELOVED.

BUT YOU ARE STILL THINKING ABOUT FISH!

HERE IS MY QUESTION, asked Jesus, what do you love the MOST – ME AND MY DREAM AND MY PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE or FISH! And having 153 of them on the beach while I am having breakfast STINKS, Peter, but make a choice.

Jesus might have said “REMEMBER ALL NIGHT LONG YOU WERE ON THE BOAT – a whole night of nothing, that’s boring. FISHING IS DULL, REALLY REALLY DULL – you do nothing for hours and hours. ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE ARE NO FISH!”

NO FISH! That’s a long night to think about what you want in life – and there was something in PETER – there was a thought process that went something like this: this is not my life, I love fishing, I will always work hard to provide for my family, I love doing this, I love people, I love fish, I really love fish – BUT THERE IS SOMETHING MORE FOR ME – I’ve seen miracles, I’ve been there when Jairus’s daughter was raised from the dead – I’ve watched leprosy DISAPPEAR. I have seen blind eyes open. I had FISH once, two fish – I saw JESUS take 2 fish and feed thousands and thousands of people, and there was baskets left over. IF JESUS WAS HERE RIGHT NOW I WOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH FISH.

Jesus made PETER a better FISHERMAN – caught a night’s worth of fish in about ten minutes! BUT JESUS IS NOT JUST THERE TO MAKE YOU A BETTER FISHERMAN, better lawyer, better doctor, better cleaner, BETTER PERSON – HE HAS A KINGDOM PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE. Jesus wants you to dream of DOING GREATER WORKS THAN HIM, Jesus wants you to dream of CHANGING THE WORLD, of discipling NATIONS – of walking in divine health and healing the sick, and walking in divine prosperity and funding the spread of the gospel. JESUS WANTS YOU TO WALK LIKE A CONQUEROR!

DO YOU LOVE ME OR DO YOU LOVE THE EARTH, THE MUNDANE, THE DULL? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DREAM ABOUT?

Faith in the resurrection changes your spirit from dead to life, but does nothing for your mind. Faith in your new spirit changes your thoughts. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Who do you say JESUS is – spirit – heaven or hell

Who do you say YOU ARE – soul – VICTORY OR DEFEAT IN LIFE

Do you love me? ARE YOU A LOVER OF JESUS? Are you a disciple of JESUS? ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO WILL CHOOSE MY WILL AND MY PLAN ABOVE ANYTHING THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER... above anything in your past, above anything you feel confident to do.

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” I do love you, JESUS. It’s not really about the fish. PETER is softening. The kindness of JESUS is lifting his imagination. JESUS IS CHANGING THE DREAM INSIDE HIM.

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

How can a fisherman feed lambs. He needs grace! Jesus wants to tell you to do something that YOU CAN NEVER EVER DO in your natural strength, wisdom or ability.

Some of you know that I was told by God around 2002, “your voice will be heard across the world, your voice will be heard in the nations” – you have to understand I grew up in a Scottish village with an Estuary accent. I have been mocked for the way I speak since I was 4 years old! SPEAKING IN PUBLIC WAS HARD FOR ME, really hard. I had been preaching since I started BIBLE COLLEGE in 1997, and had success – but the idea of travelling and being anything more than the pastor of a little insignificant PENTECOSTAL CHURCH was not in my heart or mind. IT WAS NOT IN MY DREAMS.

GOD TOLD ME SOMETHING I COULD NEVER DO IN MY OWN STRENGTH. This was my seaside encounter with HIM – I left BIBLE COLLEGE AND I WAS WORKING SELLING MOBILE PHONES – I am really good at selling mobile phones – I mean stupid good, I earned 8k one month on commission! On the high street! And I was doing well, but the question was SIMPLE – do you love me more than the mobile phones?

DO YOU LOVE JESUS MORE THAN THE FISH, MORE THAN THE CLOTHES, MORE THAN EASTENDERS, MORE THAN FOOD, MORE THAN TRADITION, MORE THAN YOUR CULTURE, MORE THAN A GREAT JOB, MORE THAN WHATEVER ELSE IS GOING ON INSIDE YOUR IMAGINATION – DO YOU LOVE MY PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE MORE THAN YOUR PLAN.

God is asking all his people this same question:

Moses – are you dreaming of sheep or setting my people free?

Joshua – do you dream of fighting battles in the sand, or moving to a land full of MILK AND HONEY, houses you didn’t buy – a lot of charismatics would rather fight satan in the sand than leave him alone and enter their land of promises. They idolize being the church militant, write songs about it, preach about it, dream of it. DREAM THE WORD!

Isaiah – are you a prophet who is going to yell people's sins at them your whole life, or are you going to share the story of the coming Messiah in a way that changes the world and people will be sharing your words forever. No one has ever heard a sermon on Isaiah 1-5. WOE TO YOU, WOE TO YOU. But in chapter 6, Isaiah said "Here am I, send me"

Peter – fish or JESUS, fish or JESUS!

Read John 21.16. STOP WASTING YOUR LIFE WITH THE FISH. Now if you are called to the fish – that's kingdom fish, but if you are called to the sheep STAY AWAY FROM THE FISH! And if you are called to the FISH – stay away from the SHEEP. If you are called to fish, go and fish and make all the money you can, lend your pastor your boat, and tithe and support others in the church, and be salt and light in the WORLD – I have seen businessmen trying to be pastors and pastors trying to be businessmen. NO LOVE JESUS – FIND OUT WHAT HE TOLD YOU DO – AND THEN DO IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART!

Read John 21.17. Some of you need to stop dreaming – about that girl in the office, about your favourite soap, dreaming of getting revenge, dreaming of getting sick, dreaming of not making it – and START ALLOWING YOUR DREAMS TO REFLECT YOUR NEW BIRTH, dreaming like a SAVED AND RESCUED PERSON.

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."

Some of you right now it hurts – you are realizing that where you are is not the fault of your parents, it's not the company, it's not the government, it's not institutional racism – it's your lack of DREAMING. It's you thinking the wrong things, it's you thinking about FISH ALL THE TIME AND NOT THINKING ABOUT JESUS! NOT THINKING THE WORD – NOT DREAMING THE WORD – NOT DREAMING ABOUT DOING GREATER WORKS.

Read John 21.18. THAT'S AN AMAZING PERSONAL PROPHETIC WORD. Who wants a prophetic word from JESUS – He didn't give out many, He didn't know he could charge £25 for one and make a fortune – HE JUST OBEYED THE SPIRIT OF GOD – and here HE SAID PETER YOU ARE GOING TO DIE FOR ME. That doesn't sound encouraging – but the last time PETER had a life or death for JESUS MOMENT he bottled it. He denied Christ.

HOW ENCOURAGING TO KNOW – the next time they say "DO YOU KNOW JESUS" – I am going to say "I DEFINITELY DO KNOW JESUS" – "I don't care if you kill me I will die praising HIM" – that's encouraging – that dealt with SHAME.

JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HAS RESTORED PETER's soul from the shame of denial – has inspired him to dream big, and dream HIGHER.

And this is the moment where JESUS IS LEADING PETER INTO A NEW DREAM – a BIG DREAM – A LIFE CHANGING DREAM. Peter you are going to stand up for me, like no one ever has before, you are going to stand before a crowd of people who hated me and killed me and TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS AND THEY ARE GOING TO FIND ME, in their thousands.

And it is happening, but THEN PETER GOT DISTRACTED – like we all do. WE LOOK AT SOMEONE ELSE!

Read John 21.20. What about JOHN? What about JOHN? That is one of the biggest DREAM KILLERS, biggest IMAGINATION STOPPERS IN THE WORLD! To consider someone else rather than consider what Jesus is saying to you!

I am happy to die for you JESUS, but I want to know JOHN dies too.

I am happy to quit my job, but I don't want Johnny to still be working and making a fortune on the job while I go and serve you.

I am happy to serve you in the bush in Africa, living in a mud hut, but is Johnny going to have an indoor toilet for the rest of his life. Doesn't seem fair JESUS!

It's amazing how we want it all to be fair. LIFE IS NOT FAIR, FAIR IS NOT THE GOAL OF LIFE. It's not fair your ears can't see anything. BUT THEY ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR THAT. It's not fair I can't hold a tune for my life, but I AM NOT DESIGNED FOR THAT.

I COULD LOOK AT SOMEONE ELSE and say that's not fair! Someone else might be called to bigger conferences than me, someone might be called to speak in places that seem nicer on the outside – NO ONE CAN BE CALLED TO A GREAT BUNCH OF PEOPLE – BUT THE ISSUE – IS THIS – WHO CARES! THAT'S IRRELEVANT. STOP LOOKING TO OTHER PEOPLE AND DO WHAT GOD TELLS YOU TO DO.

God will say "right you pray in tongues one hour a day – to build yourself up and get yourself in a place to handle what I am giving you" – and you think "Well, has Johnny been asked to do that, no – they haven't – they have not Lord, well – " TAKE YOUR MIND OFF JOHNNY – look at what JESUS SAYS.

Read John 21.22. WHAT A POWERFUL RESPONSE. It's been nearly 2000 years since JESUS LEFT – so JESUS IS SAYING if I want Johnny to live to be 2000 – it is absolutely NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

Read Psalm 131.1. That is good advice for life. Some things are just none of our business.

JESUS CHRIST – the LORD OF GLORY IS APPEARING TO YOU RIGHT NOW. HE IS SPEAKING TO YOU RIGHT NOW. HE IS TELLING YOU TO STOP THINKING ABOUT FISH AND STOP THINKING ABOUT JOHNNY! HE IS TELLING YOU TO STOP THINKING ABOUT SICKNESS, DISEASE, STOP DREAMING OF A FUTURE WITH ADDICTION, WITH FEAR.

DREAM OF THE RESURRECTION POWER THAT IS INSIDE YOU. People struggle with this – they think I am saying just stop being sick and defeated. NO I AM SAYING STOP DREAMING IT – then you will not be it after long! I KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH STUFF – ME TOO – life is tough – and we all get hurt by different things.

BUT MY JOB IS NOT TO GET DOWN IN THE HURT WITH YOU – my job is to tell you HOW TO GET TO THE NEXT LEVEL UP – HOW TO WIN – HOW TO DREAM – HOW TO COME UP HIGHER – AND IT IS JUST LIKE JESUS AND PETER – DO YOU LOVE ME, IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE – YOU DREAM ABOUT THEM, YOU CANNOT HELP YOURSELF THINKING ABOUT THEM. THINK ABOUT JESUS – NOT YOUR PROBLEM. STOP LOVING YOUR PROBLEM AND LOVE JESUS!

STOP GLORIFYING YOUR PROBLEM IN YOUR DREAMS AND IMAGINATION – AND DREAM OF JESUS! DREAM OF THE RESURRECTION POWER HE PUT INSIDE YOU – DREAM OF HIS PRECIOUS PROMISES, HIS LIFE, HIS GOODNESS.

Dave Duell used to get criticized for this – HE NEVER CAME DOWN TO YOUR LEVEL OF DEPRESSION – HE USED TO Say “God can deal with this problem and the lights of heaven won’t even dim” – it’s true. DREAM THAT!

WE DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN DEFEAT. WE DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE DEPRESSED AND DISCOURAGED. WE CAN TRIUMPH IN HIM – but we have to yield – if he says feed the sheep, go feed the sheep and leave the fish alone.

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  2. What are the smallest things you can dream about that we sometimes make big?
  3. What did Connie Weiskopf do that led to her being healed from cancer?
  4. In light of Psalm 42.5 what should be doing when we are sad?
  5. What is the difference between victory and triumph?
  6. Why did Jesus appear to Peter a second time?
  7. What does the new birth not change?
  8. What are the fish in our life that fill our imagination and stop us dreaming of supernatural things?
  9. What can we do this week to dream of supernatural things?
  10. Who is your “John” that you need to not think about or be concerned about in your life?
- II. What about this message inspired, challenged or encouraged you the most?