

# FOLLOWING GOD 01

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## IT ALL STARTS WITH A DREAM

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EVERYBODY NEEDS A DREAM.

WITHOUT A DREAM YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 11:27 Now these are the records of the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot.*

### I. CULTIVATE A DREAMERS \_\_\_\_\_.

FIRST QUESTION. WHY ABRAHAM?

THE CHOICE IS \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE GOD MADE IT, BUT GOD MADE IT BECAUSE IT WAS THE \_\_\_\_\_ CHOICE.

*NEHEMIAH 9:7 "You are the LORD God,*

*Who chose Abram*

*And brought him out from Ur of the Chaldees,*

*And gave him the name Abraham.*

8 "YOU FOUND HIS HEART FAITHFUL BEFORE YOU,

God is always looking at the \_\_\_\_\_. He seeks the heart of faithfulness and then he fills that person with promise.

AND GOD SAW HIS \_\_\_\_\_ AND GOD SAID, "I'M GOING TO GIVE THAT GUY A BIG \_\_\_\_\_!"

GOD WANTS TO DROP A BIG DREAM ON YOUR HEART, BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ BELONGS TO HIM.

### II. BE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE DREAM

Dreams don't happen \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ecclesiastes 5:2–3 (NASB95)*

*Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.*

*For THE DREAM COMES THROUGH MUCH EFFORT and the voice of a fool through many words.*

*I love what Blackaby used to say, “Don’t just do something, stand there.”*

*Psalm 27:14 (NASB95)*

*Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.*

**ASK YOURSELF HOW YOU ARE \_\_\_\_\_? KNOW YOURSELF.**

**GOD \_\_\_\_\_ US FOR THE TASK HE \_\_\_\_\_ US.**

### **III. BE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE DREAM**

*Acts 7:2–3 (NASB95)*

*And he said, “Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,*

*3 and said to him, ‘LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.’*

**GOD’S PLAN WAS FOR ABRAHAM TO LEAVE UR, GO TO CANAAN, AND ESTABLISH A PEOPLE FROM HIS FAMILY GROUP**

Then what? Nothing. Nothing happened. Abraham stayed with his family in Ur. We have no idea how long they stayed after he received the dream.

*Genesis 11:28 Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.*

*“No man leaves where he is and seeks a distant place unless he is in some respect a failure.”*

— James A. Michener, Hawaii

SOMETIMES GOD WILL ALLOW A \_\_\_\_\_ IN YOUR LIFE TO GET YOU MOVING.

*Genesis 11:29 Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah.*

*Genesis 11:30 Sarai was barren; she had no child.*

*Genesis 11:31 Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order TO ENTER THE LAND OF CANAAN ...*

*Genesis 11:31 ... and they went as far as Haran, and settled there.*

*You don't sacrifice your \_\_\_\_\_ for the dream. Your family is part of the dream. They go with you on the dream.*

YOU DON'T SACRIFICE \_\_\_\_\_ TO CHASE A DREAM.

*Your life is the activity you experience as you follow the \_\_\_\_\_.*

*The joy is in the \_\_\_\_\_. Whether the dream is realized or not, you are living the dream.*

MAYBE \_\_\_\_\_ AREN'T READY FOR THE DREAM.

MAYBE THE \_\_\_\_\_ ISN'T READY FOR YOU.

#### IV. \_\_\_\_\_ THE DREAM

IT'S ONLY A DREAM UNTIL YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 12:1–4 (NASB95)*

*1Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you;*

*2And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing;*

*3And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse.  
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."*

*4So Abram WENT FORTH as the LORD had spoken to him;*

*"DREAMERS DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHERE THEY ARE \_\_\_\_\_,  
ONLY THAT THEY ARE GOING IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ DIRECTION."*