

Encounter Church
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Dreaming.....Again
God's Dream For Your Life

INTRODUCTION: Are you ready to Dream God's Dream for your Life? A Dream that's bigger than just you? A Dream that moves you out of your comfort zone? A Dream that's so big only God can accomplish it through you?

1 Corinthians 2:9- "That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

Ephesians 3:20-21- "Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you."

HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE GOD'S DREAM FOR MY LIFE?

Joshua 1:1-11- "After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set your foot, you will be on land I have given you— from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua then commanded the officers of Israel, "Go through the camp and tell the people to get their provisions ready. In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you."

HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE GOD'S DREAM FOR MY LIFE?

1. Release Doubt

James 1:6-8 (GNT)- “But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind. If you are like that, unable to make up your mind and undecided in all you do, you must not think that you will receive anything from the Lord.”

LET GO OF DOUBT/ONLY BELIEVE!

Don't compare yourself with others, only believe!

Don't focus on your past failures, only believe!

Joshua 1:9 (LB)- “Be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

RELEASE DOUBT IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE!

2. Reach for a Promise

Joshua 1:3- “I am giving you every place where you set foot, exactly as I promised Moses.”

WHAT HAS GOD PROMISED YOU MY FRIEND?

3 PROMISES FOR THOSE LIVING OUT GOD'S DREAM

a. Strength

Joshua 1:5- “Joshua, no one will be able to defeat you for the rest of your life! I will be with you as I was with Moses, and I will never fail nor abandon you.”

b. Success

Joshua 1:7- “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do.”

c. Support

Joshua 1:9- “This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

REACH FOR A PROMISE IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE.

3. Rely on the Lord

Joshua 1:5- "Joshua, no one will be able to defeat you for the rest of your life! I will be with you as I was with Moses, and I will never fail nor abandon you."

WHAT A PROMISE! GOD SAYS, "I WILL BE WITH YOU AND I WILL NEVER FAIL OR ABANDON YOU!!!!!"

Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMP)- "Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart And do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, And He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles that block your way]."

One of the ancient rabbis said that all the essence of the Torah (Law) depends on this verse.

RELY ON THE LORD IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE.

4. Respond in Faith

Joshua 1:10-11- "Joshua then commanded the officers of Israel, "Go through the camp and tell the people to get their provisions ready. In three days you will cross the Jordan River and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you."

I LOVE THIS! JOSHUA RESPONDED IN FAITH TO WHAT GOD HAD JUST SPOKE TO HIM!

HE DIDN'T WAIT FOR THE "PERFECT" TIME IN HIS EYES, HE RESPONDED IN FAITH.

Ecclesiastes 11:4- "He who watches the wind [waiting for all conditions to be perfect] will not sow [seed], and he who looks at the clouds will not reap [a harvest]."

If you wait for perfect conditions you'll never get anything done!

Respond in faith! Take a step in the direction God is leading you!

CONCLUSION: Are you ready to experience God's dream for your life! **Release Doubt. Reach for a Promise. Rely on the Lord. Respond in Faith.**

Ephesians 3:20- "God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us."