

DREAMING THE FUTURE GOD WANTS FOR YOU

Week 1: Time to Dream: Trusting God to Open Doors
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Due to the COVID-19 virus many people have lost their desire to think BIG, even dream BIG. We believe that God is looking for people who want to dream **BIG dreams** - so big that you and I cannot accomplish the on our own. **GOD says**, “Think of the **GREATEST DREAM** for your life and I can **TOP THAT**. I can beat your dream, it's bigger than you can think, request, guess, dream, imagine, and I don't do it by pushing you. I'm not driving you, I'm pulling you and I'm working gently within you.” God's dream for your life is always bigger - always bigger than your dream for your life. Not only that, but when you line up with God's dream for your life, **HE ARRANGES THE CIRCUMSTANCES SO THE DREAM HAPPENS**. He does it in a way that you couldn't possibly arrange on your own!

AS with anything new, we all may need to re-adjust our thinking on dreams, so this series will include a **CONCENTRATED 40-DAY TIME TO DREAM CHALLENGE**.

WHY DO WE USE 40-DAYS? Why do we use about six weeks? Well, it takes six weeks to develop a new habit. If you're going to change your routine, if you're your going to change your thoughts, if you're going to grow, you

have to **DEVELOP NEW HABITS**. You have to do something every day for approximately three weeks for it to become comfortable, and then do it for another three weeks to actually turn it into a habit. JOIN us and find out if it is worth the challenge and see if God can make our **DREAMS COME TRUE!**

CROSSROADS' SPIRITUAL GROWTH CAMPAIGN is a concentrated 40-day spiritual boost to your life that we commit to doing together using multiple learning styles to equip & energize us for our future!

“God can do anything -- far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request or dream in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working gently within us.”
Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)

WHAT TO DO IN WEEK #1 OF TIME TO DREAM

1. Read the devotional sent each day.
2. Participate in the weekly encouragement and prayer.
3. Memorize this promise:
“I have set before you an Open Door that no one can shut!” Revelation 3:8

TIME TO DREAM - Day 1

LOOK FOR HIS LIKENESS

“He will keep His agreement of love for a thousand lifetimes for people who love Him and obey His commands.” Deuteronomy 7:9 (NLT)

WE are God’s idea. We are His. We reflect His face. His eyes. His hands. His touch. We are made in His image. Look deeply into the face of every human being on earth and you will see His likeness. Though some appear to be distant relatives, they are not. God has no cousins, only children.

As followers of Christ, together we form, incredibly, the body of Christ. And though we may not always act like our Father, there is no greater truth than this. We are His. Unequivocally His. Unalterably, He loves us.

*Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.
(Romans 8:38-39)*

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TIME TO DREAM - Day 2

A PLACE OF PERMANENCE

“The Lord will always lead you.” Isaiah 58:11

YOU’VE been there. You’ve escaped the foundations of the valley and ascended His grand outcropping of granite. You’ve turned your back on the noise and sought His voice. You’ve stepped away from the masses and followed the Master as He led you up the winding path to the summit. . . .

Gently your Guide invites you to sit on the rock above the tree line and look out with Him at the ancient peaks that will never erode. “What is necessary is still what is sure,” He confides. “Just remember:
“You’ll go nowhere tomorrow that I haven’t already been,

“Truth will still triumph. . . .

“The victory is yours. . . .”

The sacred summit. A place of permanence in a world of transition.

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TIME TO DREAM - Day 3

CONTENTMENT

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:15-17

OUR culture constantly bombards us with the thought that we need what we do not have and we never have enough. Before we know it, our attention is focused upon the temporary things of this world instead of the eternal things that will last forever.

As we begin to seek God every day through His word and through prayer, He begins to give us a new perspective of contentment in this life. His greatest desire is that we love Him and seek Him above all else and that we love others as He has loved us! God and people’s souls are the only things that are going to last for eternity!

TODAY’S PRAYER

Father, I thank You that You are my creator and the creator of this beautiful world in which I live! I know that it is Your desire that I enjoy this life to the fullest, but for me to *fully* live my life, I must *love You* above all else. As I go through this day, I pray that You will help me to make a priority of the eternal things! In Jesus’ name. Amen!

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TIME TO DREAM - Day 4

FINDING YOUR FOCUS

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” II Corinthians 4:18

AS believers in Jesus, when you spend time reading the Word of God and time in prayer, God gives you the opportunity to see life from a whole different perspective. It's like putting on a new set of glasses. They are not the kind of glasses you get from your optometrist. They are spiritual glasses given to us through the Holy Spirit that help us see life from an eternal perspective. As we go through today, it will be so easy to focus with just our physical eyes on the situations that we will encounter. God desires that we see things through *His* spiritual eyes, for the unseen things like faith, hope, and love are the things that are eternal and the only things that have true value in this life.

TODAY’S PRAYER

Father, I thank You that You have given me the opportunity to see things from an eternal perspective if I see things filtered through the spiritual glasses of Your world. Help me to have faith that believes in You, in Your supernatural world, and love that believes the best about others as I go through this day. Help me to focus on what truly matters most! In Jesus’ name. Amen!

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TIME TO DREAM – DAY 5

TIME TO DREAM

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

WE live in a world and a culture that is constantly pushing its agenda, and so many times it is pretty much the opposite of the life that God is calling us to as believers in Jesus. Be encouraged today that God is in the process of changing you into a new person by changing the way you think. He does this through the power of His word in your life. Spend time reading His word today, meditate on it, and speak it out loud to someone, even if that person is you!

When we begin to believe and speak His word, it begins to transform us. The lives we live will begin to challenge the norm! Other people will begin to take notice. You will no longer just blend in, but you will begin to be the salt and light God has called you to be to those around you!

TODAY’S PRAYER

Father, today I thank you for the gift of salvation and eternal life through Your son, Jesus. Thank You that You are transforming me into a new person through Your word. Help me to be a person that challenges the norm in my world, and use me to help reclaim our culture for Christ! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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TIME TO DREAM – Day 6

YOU ARE HIS MASTERPIECE

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

IN our culture, we are taught from a young age to judge people by their outward appearance. This is something that is very normal for us, but remember God does not see things or people the way that we see them. In today’s scripture, the Lord was speaking to Samuel about a young boy who, from all outward appearances, looked like he did not have much going for him or that he could not accomplish much. But God saw HUGE potential in him because he looked at his heart. In fact that young boy became the King of Israel!

That is the way that God is looking at you today! You may feel that you are just not measuring up to others’ expectations or that you just don’t have what it takes to be a person who makes an impact on their life. Do not listen to the lies of the evil one. Remember God, Your Creator, thinks of you as His “masterpiece”, and He has great plans and purposes for your life even today. Live this day with confidence because you know the truth!

TODAY’S PRAYER

Father, thank You that You do not see me the way others see me. Thank You that You believe in me, and I can live with great confidence in the plans You have for my life. As I encounter people in my life today, help me to look beyond their outward appearance. Help me to love them and believe the best about them. Help me to see others the way You see them. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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TIME TO DREAM – Day 7

YOU ARE MOST TREASURED

“For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush[a] and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in My sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.” Isaiah 43:3-4

DOES it ever take your breath away to think that the Creator of the *entire* universe cares deeply about you and sees **you** as ***His most treasured possession!*** He paid a huge price by giving His one and only Son, Jesus, to die for you so that you can have a personal relationship with Him. In our culture, so many things are disposable. They are easily thrown out and thrown away. We can “unfriend” someone with the click of a button. But God says He would give up all that He has just to have you as His intimate friend!

As you go about your day today, go in confidence knowing that no matter how you are treated by the people you will encounter, you are a person of great worth! Keep God’s truth in your heart knowing that you were purchased with a high price! Walk with your head held high and your heart warmed by the love of your Creator!

TODAY’S PRAYER

Father, I thank You for the price You paid just to call me Your own. Thank You that You see me as Your most treasured possession! Help me to walk in confidence today remembering and knowing that I am a person of great worth. I am Your child and You are the Most High King! I pray my life will honor You today! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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