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Fulfilling Dreams From God

Every single born again believer is called to fulfill God's will in their life, however most will never get to the place where that will happen. I want to talk to you today about how to see your dreams come true. Instead of waiting an entire lifetime for something to happen, do you know that there is a pathway into God that will assure you of passing the test into victory?

While meeting an older gentleman who I deeply respect, I found out that he had many, many dreams and desires that God had given to him over the years. As we talked he expressed the frustration that he felt because here he was at the end of his life, and still there was so much that he felt was unaccomplished. He had many God given dreams that had not come to pass. My heart went out for this friend of mine, mostly because I have seen this same frustration in many Christians. There are so many well meaning believers who will never see the dreams that God placed on the inside of them come to pass. Not to mention, that I myself don't want to end up at the end of my years, wondering what I should have done differently. My desire is to be able to say with boldness that I have run my race and have crossed the finished line.

When God gives you dreams it is for a reason. Don't ever forget that dreams and desires from God are not meant to fail; they are meant to come to pass. If we just follow the right path that God lays before us then we can be confident in seeing those dreams fulfilled. Abraham is the greatest biblical example of a man who had great dreams from God but didn't have a way for them to come to pass. However, because he had faith in God and boldness to follow the right path, his dreams became reality. He went from being fatherless, to being the father of many nations.

Abraham is called the father of faith because what he accomplished for God was done in faith, and not in his own ability. This is the greatest test of our dreams, by our faith, and not by our flesh. Romans 4:1-3, *"What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.'"*

Most people don't realize that God actually needed Abraham to have a son. However, this son must be a son that was produced by faith, and not just by natural means. God needed a man on this earth to have a son by faith so to that He could legally do the same with His Son Jesus. God needed a man willing to lay his son's life down on the altar, which allowed him to legally lay His son Jesus on the cross. Just as God needed Abraham's faith to see the dream come true, He also needs your faith to see your dreams come true.

There are many plans that God has for us, but for Him to accomplish His will on this earth, He needs us to have faith in Him. It is our responsibility to believe that He is able to make our dreams come to pass. Just like Abraham, we must get past using our own abilities and natural means and walk in obedience, as it is our faith in God that will see us victorious in our dreams.

There have been many, many times when God's direction is the opposite way from where I think we should go. I have had to bypass my own intellect over and over again in following God. Usually, my path is one of safety and security, while God's way leads to completely trusting Him.

King David explains to us the proper path for us to see our dreams come to pass in Psalm 37:4-7. "Delight yourself also in the LORD, **And He shall give you the desires of your heart.** Commit your way to the LORD, **Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.** He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. **Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;**"

It is important for us to realize that desiring to be a blessing to the kingdom of God is a desire from Him. And «SALUTATION», not only does He give you the desires of your heart but if you let Him, He will also bring them to pass as well. The reason why most people never see the fulfillment of the dreams that God gave them is because instead of resting in the Lord and waiting patiently for Him to guide them they run ahead of God attempting to make their dreams come to pass. Instead of using faith in God they use their own fleshly wisdom.

Abraham had the same problem. Instead of waiting and believing God he went ahead and in his own ways attempted to make the very dream that God gave him reality. Then through his own fleshly attempt he created a son and named him Ishmael. The devil didn't create Ishmael, and neither did God; Ishmael was created because of Abraham's unbelief.

When we don't really believe that God is able to lead us into our dreams, we attempt to do it ourselves for Him. There are many believers who have created an Ishmael of dreams, because they wouldn't wait patiently on God. We then try to give it to God and ask Him to bless it, just like Abraham did. It is impossible for God to bless our creations of Ishmael when His dream is an Isaac. However, it is very possible for God to forgive our mistakes and still help us to follow Him, even after we have failed in the past.

Abraham even tried to give Ishmael to God as the substitute for the real thing in Genesis 17:17-19. *"Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "**Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!**" Then God said: "**No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac;** I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him".*

There will never be a substitute for God making your dreams come to pass. Ishmael came to life because Abraham decided to make his own way, to see God's purpose come to pass. Even though it must have made sense in his own mind, in God's mind it made no sense at all. To see our purpose come true, God needs our faith, not our flesh.

It can be a horrendous burden to carry the weight of dreams on your own shoulder. It is impossible for man to navigate through life on his own and to fulfill God's will. What do I do now? Is this the right way to go? Do I need to have this in my life? Maybe this would be best? The other guys did it this way. What will happen ten years from now? Maybe I shouldn't do it this way? What if I make a mistake? God knows all the answers to these questions, and He will guide you the right way, if you are brave enough to follow Him.

It was never God's intention for you to figure out how to fulfill your call. God wants to do that for you; He wants you to let Him take that care away from you. The only care that He has for you is to fall in love with Him and obey His directions for you. If you will do these things then you will find that those dreams and desires that He placed in your heart will come to pass. Your heavenly Father will prove to you that you are worth much more to Him than what you can do for Him.

Abraham also struggled with seeing himself as God saw him. He didn't believe that he was worth anything to God, so God had to change his name from Abram to Abraham, which actually means, "Father of many nations". Can you see how important it was for Abraham to believe? God had to build a case of Faith on the inside of him, just so that he would start to expect God's Word to come to pass. Everyday, when people called his name Abraham, he would hear "father of many nations".

God needed him to believe that it was possible. Genesis 17:3-6 says, *"Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: 'As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.'"*

We must change the way we look at ourselves. The devil will attempt to build a case in your heart that says that it is impossible for God to use you. The devil will bring up all of your failures and weaknesses, as examples of how God is unable to make your dreams come to pass. He will work hard at trying to get you to accept an easier path, or a lesser path, then one which God has for you. God is always for you, and will never hold your past against you.

God even took Abraham outside and had him look up into the sky to build up his faith that he was going to be the father of many nations. Genesis 15:4-6 *"And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.' Then He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."*

Maybe you have dreams of being in ministry, or dreams of seeing all of your family serve God. You might have desires to be used in handling great finances or of overcoming areas of weaknesses in your life. Whatever dream has been placed in your heart, you can place that care on God and simply follow His directions for you.

God told me that my only worries in seeing my dreams fulfilled were to spend intimate time with Him and then to obey what He told me to do. Every moment you spend in prayer, worship or studying God's word, you are building a case of victory for your dreams and desires to come to pass. So, go ahead, look up to the sky and see all that God is able to do for you, if you will simply believe.

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