

Everything is Possible

Phase 1 – God’s Dream for Your Life

We are looking at the six stages of faith to achieve your dream. Last week we looked at the 6 different phases that we all will go through again and again during our lives. Today, and on following Sundays, we’ll analyze specifically each of the phases.

As we said last Sunday, the first stage is the dream. You must seek God's dream for your life. Your dream determines your destiny, explains why you're here, your purpose in life. When you don't know your purpose you'll be drifting, but your life will make sense when you discover and begin to realize God's purpose for your life. You will feel good about yourself.

We read in Jeremiah 29.11 **For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.** In His Word we discover that God has a plan, a dream for each of us.

This dream of God for you is **personal**. In other words, it isn't a plan for everyone but it is a plan created just for you. And it is not only personal, but we read that God's dream for you is **good**. It's a plan that will give you hope. Knowing this, we must do everything possible to know God's dream for our lives.

There are five things that will help you know what that is:

1. First you have to **DEDICATE** all your life to God. In other words, you have to be willing to do whatever God wants you to do, even before you know what He wants you to do.

You can't receive God's Dream for your life unless you give yourself unconditionally to Him. We read in Romans 12.1-2 **I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice... Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world... Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.** Paul calls for us to give ourselves completely to God and not let those people around us to determine the dream of God for our lives.

Observe that God's dream for your life is **good and pleasing and perfect**. If you surrender, if you give yourself as a living sacrifice, then you'll know the dream of God, His will for your life. It is a perfect dream that fits you. But to find out you'll have to dedicate yourself to Him. This means giving every part of you. Your time, talents, relationships, past present and future. Unless you do this you'll never find God's dream for your life.

The verse also commands: **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world.** Why? Many lose their dreams because they copy the dreams of others instead of doing what God wants for them. Instead of following their dreams they do what others say they should be doing meanwhile others are fulfilling other people's dreams instead of living theirs.

God's dream for your life is not what others want you to do with your life, but what God wants you to do with your life. If you're going to know that dream, you can't settle for anything less than that. We read in Hebrews 12.1 **Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.** God has a race, a unique path for you alone to walk, it's your life's mission, your dream. If you are always looking at other people while running the race, you'll end up running their race and you'll stumble instead of running the race that God has marked for you. So the first thing you should do is to DEDICATE your life

to God. Give it to Him with the same attitude of Paul in Acts 20.24 **My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus...**

2. You can't receive God's Dream for your life unless you **SET ASIDE** time alone with Him. First, you dedicate your life to God and then you must set aside time alone with Him.

"You can't have a vision without switching off the television." What this means is that we don't listen to God because He doesn't have all our attention, as we are listening to everything else. We need to make time to listen to Him. Many never hear God because they do not set aside time alone with Him so that He can be alone and talk to with us.

This was told to Job **Pay attention to this, Job. Stop and consider the wonderful miracles of God!** Job 37.14. If you don't learn to spend time alone with God you aren't going to have much of a relationship with Him. Ask God where He wants' you to go, where you should be, what you should do, and write down what He puts in your mind. If you don't have time to do this you'll never find God's dream for your life. God speaks to people that take time to listen regularly.

3. You can't receive God's Dream for your life unless you **EVALUATE** your talents. You must know what you're good at. Why would God give you certain gifts, talents, skills, experiences for you not to use them? It would be a waste. When you look and evaluate all these things in your life, they will give you insights into the direction you should go.

1 Peter 4.10 **God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.** In other words we should use our gifts to benefit others, and they should use their gifts for our benefit. This is called ministry, you are saved to serve. God's will is that you use your abilities, talents, gifts to serve others. That's your ministry. Your dream will involve doing something to help others and you can't receive God's Dream unless you are willing to serve others.

- a. Ask yourself what you are good at? What do you like to do? What is your passion? What motivates you?
 - b. Then think about what others say about you. What do they see in you? Many times they see things that you can't see.
 - c. Next, ask how you could use those skills in the kingdom of God.
- These things will help you know the direction you should take your life.

4. To receive God's Dream for your life you must **ASSOCIATE** yourself with other God loving dreamers. Many have lost God's dream for their lives because of their relationships.

Surround yourself with people who love God and encourage you to pursue your dreams instead of spending time with people who attack and rob your dreams. The people you let into your life or will encourage or will keep you away from God's dream for your life. There aren't neutral friends, either they will help you be closer to God or away from Him. The same way God uses our relationships to guide us our enemy uses our relationships to control us. So you must choose carefully who will be your closest friends. **"Tell me who your friends are and I will tell you where you'll end up".**

That's why Proverbs 27.17 says: **As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend** and 1 Corinthians 15.33 **Do not be misled, for bad company corrupts good character.** If you want to start a new cycle, maybe you need to find new friends to help you build God's dream for your life.

If you are married, part of your dream involves your spouse and your children. If God gives you a dream, you can't ignore them or abandon them. The dream is confirmed by those closest to you. It might not take much time or it can take a long time, but eventually they will confirm God's dream for your life.

5. To receive God's Dream for your life you must **COMMUNICATE** your dream to others. Once you know what God wants you to do, don't keep it a secret. Share your dream with mature people who want the best of God for your life and by doing that you'll be demonstrating faith and allowing others to help you.

Many have had dreams for years and nobody helped them because they never shared with anyone. To share the dream is a declaration of faith. Visualize the dream and then verbalize the dream. "*This is what I believe God wants to do in my life and with my life!*" Many guard the dreams in their heart, but you need to verbalize them by faith. It is fear of failure that keeps you from running the risk of taking a step of faith, and that prevents you from doing what God desires you to do.

a. When you declare your dream it gets you going. You can no longer continue wavering. You become responsible for doing something about it. Sharing your dream with someone makes it harder to abandon your dream so easily.

b. When you declare your dream it stimulates others to support you. If the dream is from God you will not be able to achieve it alone, and God can add to your life those that will be part of the fulfillment of that dream.

c. When you declare your dream this releases the power of God. Faith releases power. Thanks to your faith you take a step to walk on water and only then God can sustain you. How do I know this? Because the Bible says in 1Thessalonians 5:24 that: **The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.** This is a promise upon which you can build your life. If He calls you to do it, He will fulfill it. The dreams of God can always be fulfilled.

Conclusion

This is the first stage of faith, nothing happens until you begin to dream.

Don't forget that to hear God you have to set aside time alone with Him each day, even if it is only 5 minutes.

It is extremely important that you seek the company of people who nourish your dreams, and spend less time with those who rob your dreams and make you trip and prevent you from walking in God's will for your life. Try to support and help others reach their own dreams. Let's pray:

-Father, I want to give you all of my life unconditionally, all that I am, the good and the bad, my strengths and my weaknesses, the past, the present and the future. God I dedicate all of myself to you so that your will may be done in my life.

-Father help me evaluate my abilities, to listen to other people and not hide my talents, to see what you see in me.

- Give me the courage to share my dream with others so that they may be able to help me reach it.

-Father, release your dreams in the lives of my brothers and sisters.

Verse to Memorize: Acts 20.24 **My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus...**