

Here comes the DREAMER!

Question: Are you known as a dreamer? If not why not?

As I said last week, we as children of God we are obligated to be visionaries.

Dreamers of the impossible and achievers of that very impossibility.

Every great accomplishment begins with a dream, a vision that motivates us to shape our thoughts into Kingdom realities.

With faith and drive, you have the power to contribute to the world, or even change it. So be a dreamer

NOTHING DISQUALIFIES US. NOT THE NUMBER OF OUR FAILURES, NOR THE NUMBER OF OUR YEARS.

We don't retire from living by faith. We can retire from a job, but the kingdom is not a job it is a lifestyle and you don't retire from that.

One of the truths I've learned over the years is that productive Faith is focused, unfocused faith is unproductive and the God kinda of faith is always productive, creative and energetic.

Because if you hope for nothing faith has nothing to give substance to.

So your faith must be focused

- Faith has a primary point of focus
- Faith has a secondary point of focus

Faith's primary point of focus is on WHO / Faith's secondary point of focus is on WHAT

Here is an important lesson

Never make the secondary the primary

If you make the secondary the primary you will change your who to whoever will give you the what.

But if you keep your focus on the WHO then you'll have the patience and the energy needed to endure till the vision becomes fulfilled.

Joshua 23:14 (NASB) "Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed.

I have learned to be a Kingdom optimist. Once it was said that I was God's cheerleader.

I have become my own version of an optimist. If I can't make through one door, I'll happily grow through another door - or I'll make a door. Something terrific will come no matter how dark the present.

Lester Sumrall was called home from a ministry trip with the news that his multimillions of dollars TV studio had burned down.

When he landed his son asked him if he wanted to go see the damage. Lester asked if anything was redeemable, the answer was no it was all gone.

"Then", Lester said, "Take me to the architect so we can begin our rebuild, I don't need to look at ashes!"

The only limitations to our tomorrow is our doubts and fears of today. So Let us move forward together with strong and active faith. Amen.

Genesis 37:19 (NLT) "Here comes the dreamer!" they said.

Joseph was known as a DREAMER, but this was not a compliment. It was an insult.

One of the things you will need to just accept is that not everyone applauds dreamers.

Don't expect everyone to celebrate your dream, your vision or your faith walk, not even family.

Genesis 37:5-11 (NLT) One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, **they hated him more than ever.**

Over the years I've heard many say that Joseph brought his troubles on himself by speaking too early.

That may be partly true but it is not the whole truth. His brothers didn't hate him because of his dream / they hated him even more because of his dream.

You do need to be cautious in the telling of your dream.

I've friends from other states who will call me when something truly extraordinary happens to them because they've said, I never get angry in response to their blessings, never shoot down their dreams.

Not everybody will support your dream, but somebody will just find that somebody

Don't share you dream with people who already hate you.

But you do need to speak it, proclaim it, give it life by your faith-filled words.

Don't allow fear to silence your voice. If you see it say it!

Mat 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear, proclaim on the housetops.

Jump back to our text

[6] "Listen to this dream," he said. [7] "We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!" [8] His brothers responded, "So you think you will be our king, do you? Do you actually think you will reign over us?" **And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them.** [9] Soon Joseph had another dream, and again he told his brothers about it. "Listen, I have had another dream," he said. "The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before me!" [10] This time he told the dream to his father as well as to his brothers, but his father scolded him. "What kind of dream is that?" he asked. "Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow to the ground before you?" [11] But while **his brothers were jealous of Joseph**, his father wondered what the dreams meant.

Jealousy is a passion that springs from the fear of another enjoying advantages which we desire for ourselves.

IF SOMEONE CAN'T TOLERATE YOUR DREAM THEY WILL NOT CELEBRATE YOUR VICTORY.

If they get angry at you for nothing more than believing in a favorable outcome to our Divine purpose they are not going to strategize your success they will however plot your downfall.

- Was he thrown into the pit? Yes, did that stop him NO!
- Was he sold into slavery? Yes, did that stop him NO!
- Was he falsely accused? Yes, did that stop him NO!
- Was he thrown into prison? Yes, did that stop him NO!
- Was he forgotten and left behind? Yes, did that stop him NO!

If you won't quit, if you will keep moving forward, even when you take a hit, keep moving forward God will fulfill every good word.

I said last week, **Kingdom dreams require God-like faith.**

In the revelation of the dream Details are generally left out. The dream is the endgame

Rick Renner has said God is sneaky. He shows you the end product. A world changed, a church / business / ministry build, a life well lived but what He doesn't show you is the hits you will take. The accusations you'll endure. Etc etc

Why? Because if HE did you'd never walk out your front door.

Psalms 37:23-24 (NASB) The steps of a man are established by the LORD, And He delights in his way. [24] When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand.

The Psalmist is telling us that God has arranged a path for you, HE has ordered and arranged your steps - but they are still your steps - You must decide not only to move but to move in the right direction. Move in the direction of the redemptive reality of your heart, that dream.

When you do God delights in your way - HE delights that you decided to get your move on.

But get this even when you are moving, moving in the right direction - going along the path that the Lord ordained for you.

[24] When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand.

Falls - Ancient Hebrew means to be cast down like trash, made to feel worthless.

Hurled - Ancient Hebrew means to be buried. In the old days you would bury your....stuff

As you pursue your dream you are gonna take some hits, you are gonna hear some words that will make you feel like your wasting your time, that your hopes your dreams maybe even you as a person are worthless

And then you'll begin to feel like your getting buried by it all

BUT GOD

Holds your hand. Steadies you, supports you and guides you.