

## Dare to Dream

### Stirring up the Dream that God has for you

Giving birth to your dreams

Talking of dreaming, preacher irritated

– man sleeping – start to snore – more louder – more he snores – ask man beside – wake him up – you wake him up yourself – you put him to sleep

#### Acts 2:17

17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Both **same** – God's **purpose**

All have dreams – desires

Why does God make the older men to dream dreams?

Dream – at **rest** – esp so for **older** folks – you begin to **analyse** – mind

101 reasons why cannot be done I don't have the connection - ability

**Kids** have **amazing** ability to dream – **until** adults say

– from adults or even teacher – stop dream

– you be a model – businessman – astronauts

These words - way of **killing** creative potential of one – simple faith

Make **sure** – dream – is birthed out of God's **promises in word**

How is God's Promises in the Word like seeds?

– but like **seeds** – take **time**

Not happen **overnight** – period of waiting

A type of Chinese **bamboo** – first 5 years – growth seems stunted – but behind the scene – massive roots system are being formed – suddenly within one year – shoot up to 100 ft

Easy to give up – discouraged – settle for a life of **mediocrity**

Lost fire, **enthu**

**Marriage – career - health**

Time when – believe for good **marriage**, now settle just

staying same roof – no real rel **Career** – excel – hit with set back

– settle life of mediocrity

**Health** – overcome by chron – live with it

**Good news** seed **still** in you

Circum **dark** – seed is still there – if **water** it – come alive -

Pharaoh **tomb** – tremendous **potential**

#### 2 Timothy 1:6

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

How water – **stir** up dream – stir up **faith**

**I. When you praise, you release faith to stir up the dreams in you**

#### Psalms 67:5-7

5 May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. 6 Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. 7 God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Is God so mean that he only moves when we praise him?

God is so **mean** – must be flattered before you are blessed?

You praise – not God's sake – he had millions of angels – people praising him all the time

For your **sake** – praise – see God's **greatness** – it releases **faith**

Changing your child, restoring your ma **Rom 4:20**

20 But Abraham never doubted. He believed God, for his **faith and trust grew** ever stronger, and he **praised** God for this  **blessing** even before it **happened**. 21 He was completely sure that God was well able to do anything he **promised**. TLB

When Abraham was given the **promise** – seed – great excitement – 20 years

After more than 20 years – imagine – growing desperate – **we** - look at the natural impossible – much too old – every reason to give up

What happen when we praise?

Abraham – **decision** – **praise** – grow **strong** in faith

Year after year – keep thanking God – stayed strong – 24 years!

**Situ** – **worse** - **Praise** – keep **focus** God – faith and dream come alive

**When** praise – **something** happen on the inside of you Faith - strength – joy – hope

If you are – **angry** murmur critical – **loose faith** and **dream**

**Situation** - unfair – not be blessed

**Kids** – disappointing even put in so much – they never change

**Church** – car park, seat – 26 yrs 14 days – Elisa ignore – Pat archew

Something **happen** too

Can't **und** and **lay hold** – all God has you

What happen when we murmur and become critical in spirit?

**Life can me unfair** – tough – **10 spies** – negative and bitter – **can und** but **rob - cannot und** and **receive** the promises

**Understandable** – but rob – so near and miss - best! – still go **heaven** Still go heaven – miss the best – go in style Not just survive – when God calls us to thrive

**Judas** – same – so near – so far **Why** – not restored – bitter critical – Jesus **don't need** that bottle – **poor**

Issue not the bottle – att – not **worth** – **critical** – therefore don't **und how big** - cannot **receive grace**

How much you receive depends on how big pict

**Receive** a **prophet** – receive a prophet's reward

**First** area of attack – pros of leaders – why – not after leaders – all of us

**Miriam** – critical murmuring spirit – cannot **und** grace – Moses may be **wrong** – God still use – **att if**

God still use him as servant – why not afraid to speak against my ser Att – **if leader perf** – then respect – since found **weakness** – **right** to criticise

**Fact** – by grace God accepts uses us as we are – same **parent**

Same – called honor parent – not perfect – fact – called to be our parents – our sake

**Num 12:1-12**

9 The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

God not the one cursed her –  
Miriam – **lost** his presence and his protection

10 When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam-leprous, like snow.

**Lost that covering** – we see her

**true** self – leper (destroying self and others) – **already there - log**

Take off the **log** – instead of seeing speck

**Lady** – look out window – told **husb** –

our neighbour don't know how to wash clothing

Day of day – wife said – one day – honey look – what happened – perfect wash – I got up early and clean

How do we overcome a critical spirit?

**Prob:** see negative – instead of the fruit

**Fact** – every **person** or country or ministry – will have weakness – key – see the positive and the fruits

We can of course make **constructive** feedbacks – but in the proper way and channel and in good spirit

First place – we **loosed vict** – **thinking mind – mouth**

Me and my big mouth – Joyce Meyer

Easy to be Negative – bitter – murmur  
Nothing going to happen **business**  
**Body** – wont get well – cant get rid of **addiction**

Start to **complain** – discourage  
**Ps 34:1**

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. NKJV

Instead of a complain – pity party – **praise**

**When praise** – you wont **murmur**

*Instead of talking about how big your problem is, about how big your God is.*

Key: Use negative circum – as a reminder – thank God – **BIG**

Road – bad or jam – thank God at least we do have roads

Has the soln – at work – behind scene

My enemy is be **powerful** but my God is **ALL** powerful

Prob – waiting situation to

change – then **happy**

That doesn't take **faith**

**God:** Happy **first** - I will turn thing around – **Jericho – shout first – release faith and strength**

Jericho – shout bef wall come down – bef vict

Wall become blessings – stepping stones – closer to fulfilling dreams

Not thank God **for** the prob – **in** the midst prob – **coming out**

How should we pray and praise?

Some – **pray over** an item over and over again – **nag** God - **beg cry shout** all day long – please ans my prayers

When in deep grief – OK to cry – but don't remain in that mourning state – come out of it

This **week** – got several **burden:**

– ask ask ask God to solve – begin to praise – God begin to ans – one by one – all ans with the week – all in God's timing

Don't have to be **beggar** – be a believer – much better way

Ps 59:16

**Once** you had prayed – get into **praise**

Big God – got the soln bef – at work – cant see

I know you ans me – the first time I pray – ans on the way  
May not know when – how – **you got the soln bef my prob arises** – thank you – at work in my life

**2. Your faith filled Words give life to your dream**

**1 Kings 18:38-41**

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, ...Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." NKJV

Did he hear it **physically?** No  
He hear it on the inside

What happen when we have a praise attitude?

As we **PRAISE** – we can hear the sound of abundance  
**Speak** words that give life to dream – creative –

You can **prophecy** your fut  
Best year Best day ahead of me  
Best country to live in – rainbow blessings

Child turning around – doing great, instead of pressuring them

Finances – I am blessed – favor or God

What are you **hearing speaking?**

– sound of abundance, favor, health

**Medical** report – don't read it again and again

**Business** slow – not read all day – thank God inc on the way

*Even if the fact is getting worst, don't use your words to **describe** the situation, use your words to **change** the situation!*

Don't talk about your mt – talk to mt – how big God is

**Ps 77:19**

19 Your road led by a pathway through the sea-a pathway no one knew was there! 20 You led your people along that road like a flock

of sheep, with Moses and Aaron as their shepherds. TLB

**Can't see a way – God is a way maker – parted the Red Sea**  
*Quit saying, "Can God?"; say, "God can!"*

Marriage – child – office situation  
Can God change my marriage?

Can God change child? –  
thanking – me and my house  
we will serve the Lord – my kids will fulfil destiny

God– always cause triumph – no weapon against me prosper

Why is our positive words and declarations not just a wish?

**Not just a WISH – or positive att**

**Basis - First** drop of blood – what Christ done – poor – made rich

Luke 13:10-16

**1 Kings 18:42**

42 So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.

Top of Carmel – complaining –  
No – bow in **worship**

Go see - nothing – **not a cloud Discourage?** – **kept** worshipping – thanking – 6 times – 7<sup>th</sup> time

First – **little cloud** – discouraged?

**Heb 10:23**

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. NKJV

**Hold** on to dream – what God put in heart

imply – peo circum try hard to steal dream

**John Osteen** – used to host – our mission partner Yee been **invited** – one time - **believe** for 2 cows - really **nothing**

Dream – great snake – 2 huge  
humps – closer look – shape of  
2 cows

The 2 cows – really nothing –  
months later – need the know  
the key to stay in faith

**Osteen's** wife – diagnosed with  
terminal cancer – **all day –  
praising** - 30 years later

Healing – living a long healthy  
life – morning to even –  
constantly watering seed

If passive – deep depressing –  
30 yrs ago

**Bamboo** – don't give up – when  
round the **corner**

4<sup>th</sup> year – cut – what a waste

Don't **GIVE UP**– your  
breakthrough

– may be just round the corner –  
just imagine Joseph gave up

Years of waiting – not a **waste**

Think of Joel Osteen – 17 years  
serving behind scene

*Isaiah 54:1-2*

1 "Sing, O barren woman, you  
who never bore a child; burst into  
song, shout for joy, you who were  
never in labor; because more are the  
children of the desolate woman than  
of her who has a husband," says the  
LORD. 2 "Enlarge the place of your  
tent, stretch your tent curtains wide,  
do not hold back; lengthen your  
cords, strengthen your stakes.

**Sing** barren woman - wo – no  
kids –

If **dreams** not come to pass –

Don't give up – even if you are  
singing with empty arms

Singing is the **birth position** –  
position to give birth to promise