

Episode 017

Prophetic Lifestyle: Dreaming In God

Introduction

Dream means having “a fond hope or vision”.

Proverbs 29:18 (NIV) 18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

People who have no dreams or vision may lack of purpose and direction. God uses dreams to reveal something to us. Godly dreams can give us a hope and a future. Vision helps us see what our lives can be like in God for the present and for the future. God’s dreams help keep us looking to God for its fulfilment in our lifetime.

What does dreaming in God look like?

A dream is a series of thoughts, images or emotions that appear in our minds during sleep. God is the Master Dream Weaver. Through dreams, God can communicate to us our destiny as well as His intentions for others, nations and the world.

Why is it important to keep that dreaming for God strong in our lives?

God may use dreams to communicate His heart and purposes to His beloved children. Examples

Genesis 15:12 dream concerning Abraham’s descendants in Egypt;

Genesis 28:10-22 Jacob’s dream of angels ascending and descending the staircase to heaven;

Genesis 37: 1-11 Joseph’s dream concerning his future.

1 Kings 3:5-15 Solomon dream where he sought God for impartation of wisdom to rule.



Dreams are also God's means to identify hindrances blocking our path in fulfilling God's purpose. God can release comfort, healing, empowerment and gift impartation in our journey with Him through dreams.

God's promise to all that He would pour out His Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29 (NIV) 28 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

*God may use dreams to keep us courageous and faithful when we trust Him to fulfil the dream despite the odds stacked against us. (eg Joseph experienced many years of hardship and difficulties in order to see the fulfilment of God's dream in his life)

How to cultivate dreaming in God?

- Be humble before the Lord eg Daniel. Be a dream catcher. Pride puffs up but humility leans in upon God.
- Be sensitive towards God. Keep seeking Him for His revelation and interpretation. God wants to reveal rather than conceal. We need to pursue Him for the revelation.

Mark 4:22-25 (NIV) 22 For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." 24 "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you--and even more. 25 Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

Job 33:14-15 (NIV) 14 For God does speak--now one way, now another-- though man may not perceive it. 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds,



How to grow in sensitivity towards God:

- Pray in the Spirit to strengthen your spirit man. Recharges your spiritual batteries.

Jude 1:20 (NIV) 20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Praying in tongues is not the least of gifts, it is often the entrance to all the gifts.

- Meditate on God's Word. Chew on the Word, let God speak to you through His Word.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

- Continue on lifestyle of worship before God.

Worshipping God in spirit and truth. Worshipping God in spirit and in truth places us in a spiritual posture to receive His revelation.

2 Chronicles 20:18-20 (NIV) 18 Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. 19 Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with very loud voice. 20 Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."

Worship helps us rest in God and trust in His intervention. Keep your receptor clean. Maintain spiritual and personal integrity. Don't let distractions, disinformation, disbelief, discouragement, disillusionment and disinterest overtake us. Keep focussing on Jesus!

- Activate your spiritual antenna to receive God's transmission.

Be confident that God does speak/reveal to His prophetic people/servants, the prophets.



Numbers 12:6 (NIV) 6 he said, "Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams.

What do you do when you receive a prophetic dream?

- Be patient and persevering. Do not be hasty and give up when the dream has yet to be fulfilled. Be tenacious. Keeping focussed on God even when we have not received the answers yet. Sometimes we may have to contend in the Spirit to enter God's destiny for our lives as the enemy would seek to hinder us. Pray, ask, ask and ask of the Lord.

Keep your heart in check before God. Love Papa God first, do not put the dream ahead of the Lord. Otherwise your dream becomes your idol.

Proverbs 25:2 (NIV) 2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

Some dreams may only be understood in the future. They unfold over time. Details will make sense down the road.

- Be wise to know who to share to. When declared too early, it may invite misunderstanding which leads to envy and resentment. (eg Joseph)
- Journaling is a good tool for retaining revelation; waiting upon God's interpretation Hab 2:1-3, Dan 7:1
- Exercise godly discernment whether it is of the Lord. God will use familiar terms. What is the central thought, word or issue in the dream. Consecutive dreams may have similar meanings.

Jeremiah 23:16 (NIV) 16 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

How to exercise godly discernment?

Search it out in the Word. It would not contradict God's Word. Does it glorify God in the dream? Who gets more prominence; yourself or the Lord?



Discussion Questions

These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. As you listen to the podcast, what is one dream or vision that you believe God has placed in your heart?
2. Given that, what have you done thus far to see that dream or vision come alive with God's help?





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