

Chapter 2

What Is God's Dream?

*"Our dreams are who we are."
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*"It is pleasant to see dreams come true..."
Proverbs 13:19a NLT*

Do you believe God has a dream?

I believe God's dream is the driving force in all His interactions with mankind.

His dream is to expand His family. **He wants to adopt you into His family so you can be a part of the royal family that rules the universe.** The Apostle Paul understood this when he wrote the church in Ephesus. *"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure."* (Eph.1:4-5NLT)

There is so much love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, they want to share that love with us! That is why Jesus came to the earth. He came to die for your sins and thus remove anything that would hinder our relationship with the God family. Then He gave us His righteousness, or His right relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul also made this very clear. *"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are."* (Rom.3:22 NLT)

Why does God want a big family? Because He has a big family business. What is the business? He is in the ruling business. The God family is a royal family that rules the universe. The reason heaven is so wonderful should be obvious! Heaven is completely ruled by God. The Kingdom of heaven wants to bring the Kingdom of God to the earth. That is why Jesus preached so much about the coming Kingdom of God on earth. That is why Jesus taught His followers to pray, *"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* Matt. 6:

If this is His dream, how does it affect your life today? If you think about it, the more you understand His dream, the more you can align your life with the flow of God passion and purpose! Are you cooperating with His dream for you? He wants to adopt you into His family and prepare you to be a part of the ruling dynasty of the universe. You were created for this purpose.

His dream is the key to unlocking your destiny!

God wants you to be involved in His dream. The unfolding of His dream in your life was intended to be a to be a two-way process. We know that King David had it correct when he said, “Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” When a son or daughter delights themselves in the things that are important to the Father, it makes it easy for the Father to give them the desires of their hearts.

Imagine a man who has a family business and he has two sons. The Father’s passion is to see this business to grow so that it will bless the entire family. One son is not interested in the family business and just wants to kick back and enjoy life. The other son wants to build and expand the family business. They both want a car. The first son wants a car so he can party more. The other son wants a car so he can better expand the family business. When both ask the father for a car, which would he be more inclined to help? That is why when Jesus taught His disciples to pray in a certain order. Did you notice the order of when the request for provision was to be made?

Jesus instructed His disciples to pray, “Give us our daily bread” after one asked for “His kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.” The implication is clear! When we pray, “Let the family business expand in my part of the earth, now give me what I need to expand the family business. Jesus went on to say, “Seek first the Kingdom, and all these things will be given to you” (Mat.6:33)

Jesus was teaching us that our dream is fully funded when we discover how we fit into God’s dream!

That is what Jesus physical brother, James also tried to communicate in his letter. *“Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it. ³ And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.”* (James 4:2b-3 NLT)

What Is God's Dream for Your Life?

God wants you to become a part of His family dynasty. His plans are bigger than just making it to heaven. He wants you to be like your older brother Jesus, so you can be a part of the family business. *“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn^(b) among many brothers and sisters.³⁰ And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.”*(Rom.8:29 NLT)

Wow! That is so amazing, it sounds almost too good to be true! But it is true. That why you are on this earth today. This is what God is doing on earth right now! He is inviting people to become part of His family so they become part of His ever expanding Kingdom on earth so He can share His glory with them.

Why is expanding His Kingdom such a big deal? Because He wants to bless His adopted children. That is what Jesus said He came to do. *“...My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”*(John 10:10b) You might be aware that the word for life that Jesus used is the Greek word “zoe” which means *“His kind of life”*. He wants to give us His kind of life that comes from Him living in us and through us.

I don't know of any parent who's doesn't have some aspiration for their child. Depending on the child and the parent, those aspirations could vary. They may want a good school for their kids, or a dream of a college education. What about those parents who owns his/her own business, often dreams of bringing his/her son or daughter into the family business? If this is God's dream for your life, what could get in the way?

Unfortunately, the biggest thing that stands in the way of His dream is our dream. Most of us can't think big enough to wrap our minds around His dream for us. I believe there are some people who never get beyond their dream in order to discover His dream, because His dream is so much bigger than their dream. How about you? Can you let go of your dream for His dream?

Are you going to lose your salvation if you don't surrender your dream for His? I don't think so. But you may miss a magnificent adventure! You might miss out on experiencing the fullness of your destiny. You may miss out on the impact you could have had in this life before you go to heaven. You might miss out on a greater reward you could have had, for all eternity.

One-time God spoke to a couple of us in prayer. He gave one of the women in our group a vision of people in a graveyard. These shadowy people were begging her to take what God had called them to do while they were on earth, but had not fulfilled. These shadowy people had a sense of desperation, because they wanted this “thing” to be done by someone else who was still on earth! Have you ever thought that there are some things one can only do while we are here on earth? Once you step into eternity that “thing” can no longer be done by you as a human being. These shadowy people knew that it was the Father’s desire that the “thing” would still happen on earth. So they wanted to give us their “thing” – to us we would do what they were intended to do.

God went on to tell us that if His desire for us was to be a golfer, it did not matter how many “home runs” we hit in our lifetime. If He had called one to be a tennis player, it did not matter how many “touchdowns” they made in their life. Notice what Jesus said at the end of his life, “I have glorified You *on the earth*. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do” (John 17:4 NKJV). How did Jesus glorify the Father on earth? By finishing the “work” the father gave Him *to do on earth*! Jesus went on to say to His followers, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21 NKJV). Maybe Jesus has a work for you *on earth* that, if finished it would glorify Him?

I think there will be some people who, even though they step into eternity, they will have some regrets that they may have missed something in this dimension. Yes, they’re loved, and they’ll be in a wonderful place, but I do believe there will be some who missed their destiny *on Earth*. Not because God didn’t bless them, but there’s something that God is crying out to happen in our lives *on Earth*. There’s something that God has for you *to do on Earth*. If you’re willing to discover it, that’s where the adventure begins.

I believe the more we understand God’s dream, the more we realize His purpose and focus of our lives. I also believe our enemy has skewed that dream, by taking the reality of now and has postponed it far into the future. Some believe that we will not experience the Kingdom of God until we go to heaven or only when Jesus returns at this second coming. Those things may be true on both accounts, but these trues do not dissolve His present desire to bring His Government on earth today. When you take a dream and push it way out into the future, it becomes something vague and irrelevant. It no longer has the power to impact us right now.

Notice how urgent this topic was for Jesus. When Jesus came out of the wilderness and he began His ministry the first thing he said, “...*for the kingdom of Heaven is near.*” (Mat.4:17b NLT) Some translations say, “*Or has come, or is coming soon*”. He was saying that the Kingdom of heaven is near because the King is here. And it is coming to any who repents and turns to God, so the King can begin to rule in him so that in time His Kingdom can rule through them.

I believe the word for repent can mean “turn around and go the other way” or it can mean, “come up to a higher level (pent house) and see things from God’s view and change the way you are living”. Jesus is saying, “come up to a higher level and see that the reign and rule of Jesus is near because the King is here. And those who turn to King Jesus will experience the His rule, thus His Kingdom in their lives today. Then ‘the dome of the Kingdom’, which is His divine provision, guidance and protection will come into their lives. As the Kingdom comes to them, it will begin to come through them. Therefore, all three interoperation of this phrase are true. The “Kingdom is near, has come, and is coming soon”. There is a present reality and a future reality of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Paul understood this when he referred to the fact that all creation is waiting for the time when God reveals who are His children are who will bring His Government to this earth today and in the future! “*For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰ Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, ²¹ the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. ²² For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*” (Rom. 8:19-22 NLT)

Why did He say, “*right up to this present time?*” Because Jesus brought the good news that the Kingdom of God was now available to any who would accept Jesus as their King. That is what Jesus began to proclaim after He had defeated the Devil’s temptation in the wilderness. “*From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “¹Repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God’s purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*”

We continue to see this tension throughout the New Testament between the present and future reality of the Kingdom of God on earth. First the Kingdom goes to those willing to accept the invitation in this physical life and the fullness of the Kingdom of God on earth at the second coming of Jesus Christ. What is so amazing, is that our willingness to be involved present reality

of the Kingdom will determine what role we play in the future fullness of the Kingdom of God on earth.

What Is The Reward of Our Future?

Jesus also made it obvious that our future role in the fullness of His Kingdom (His reign on Earth) at His second coming is determined by what we do with what He has given to us now. Notice what He said to His disciples who thought the fullness of His Kingdom would take place when He got to Jerusalem. *“While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they assumed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately [as soon as He reached the city].¹² So He said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to obtain for himself a kingdom, and [then] to return.¹³ So he called ten of his servants, and gave them ten minas [one apiece, each equal to about a hundred days’ wages] and said to them, ‘Do business [with this] until I return.’(Luke 19:11-13 AMP)*

What is your “business”? It is whatever you have to do on earth today. Do it as if the King is ruling in you and through you. It is not so much about what you do, but what you allow the King to do through you when you submitting to the leadership of the Spirit of God. This is more than just running your business on Godly principles. You are a part of the “Family” business. Since you have accepted the invitation into the family of God, you are now a part of the “family business of ruling”. This is not something you are doing *for God*. It is something that you are *participating in with the God family*.

Jesus was modeling this for us when He said, *“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”(John 5:30 NKJV)* This is a new way of thinking and living. Sure we can do many things on our own. That is not what the Kingdom of God is about. The greatest hindrance to a God thing is a good thing. The greatest thing that blocks God’s will is my will. That is what happened in the Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve chose to eat from the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil”, they were saying for all of us, we will decide what is good and evil. Why? Because Satan convinces us that we can’t trust God and His way. Being a part of the family of God is to accept Jesus’ right relationship with the Father as a gift. Then we learn how to accept His love and learn to trust Him and His ways over ours.

When someone learn how to “do business’ as a member of the God family and the Kingdom of God, what is their reward? *“The first one came before him and said, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten more minas.’¹⁷ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you proved yourself faithful and trustworthy in a very little thing, you shall [now] have authority over ten cities [in my kingdom].’* What is the point? What you do now or let the King do thorough you, will determine what place or position you have in the future fullness of Jesus’ Kingdom on earth.

With this truth in mind, let’s discover how you can let the King rule through you to transform your life, your business and your community. To illustrate this truth, we are going to look at how a group of Kingdom minded believers allowed God to flow through them in a way that impacted a whole community. The same thing can happen in your community, if you’re willing to learn how to cooperate with the King and His ever advancing Kingdom on earth today.