

Dare to Dream Psalms 126

When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

*2 Then was our mouth filled with **laughter**, and our tongue with **singing**: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.*

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

*5 They that **sow in tears shall reap in joy**.*

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

INTRODUCTION:

God has a place for you and it is a place of success and meaning! He has placed within every child of God the desire to dream and with the desire comes a dream / vision birthed in Heaven.

That's His plan and His plan includes a place just for you!

What kills a dream? 2 Major Dream Killers

I. SELF-CONDEMNATION. (How do we fight condemnation?) Justification By Faith!

- Romans 5:1-5

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

1. Justification by faith produces a Peace that receives the gift of salvation! (V.1)
2. Faith + Peace = God's Grace and Supernatural Joy! (V.2)

“Supernatural Joy is the product of things known not felt!”

II. **TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS!**

- James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

1. Temptations can become a source of joy, if you understand the end result! (V.2)
2. Tested faith produces a spiritual version of patience (Cheerful Endurance)! (V.3)
3. The key to our Spiritual Success is allowing patience to have its completed work! Why?
 - So we can be...
Perfect (Full Grown)
Entire (Complete)
Wanting Nothing (No Lack)

**How can we see our
Dreams Become Realities?**

Birthing the Dream!

1 Peter 1:13

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end...

I. **CAPTURED FEELINGS!**

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind,

prepare your minds for action; (NIV)

put your mind in gear (The Message)

- We must take control of our minds and refuse to be overwhelmed by our surroundings!

A. THERE IS NOTHING MORE DANGEROUS THAN A RUNAWAY MIND!

1. The mind begins to wander and then the thoughts pour in!
2. The thoughts attack our hearts and then the mouth begins to speak!
3. Before long we find ourselves neck deep in trouble and the dream is put on hold!

B. WE MUST TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE AND KEEP OUR IMAGINATIONS UNDER LOCK AND KEY!

- 2 Cor 10:4

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

II. A CLEAR FOCUS!

be sober

have self-control. (The New Century Version)

- Without focus there is no victory and the dream dies!

A. WE MUST NOT ALLOW OUR FOCUS TO BE CLOUDED!

1. There are so many issues and substances that can easily divert our attention from the dream!
2. Anything that might hinder needs to be given up in favor of the dream!
3. Delays happen but the dream must be continually placed in the forefront!

B. HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR FOCUS UPON THE DREAM? (EP. 5:18-21)

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

1. Keep yourself filled with the Spirit!
2. Speak to yourself!
3. Sing a victory song!
3. Give thanks always!
4. Submit to one another!

III. COMMITTED FAITH!

hope to the end...

- True commitment refuses to quit no matter what!

A. THERE IS SOMETHING POWERFUL ABOUT THESE 4 SIMPLE WORDS!

1. Hope! This simply walking in confident optimism!
2. To! That points toward something! It implies a goal!
3. The! That gives identity and narrows down our options!
4. End! That makes a clear statement that shows no turning back! The End means nothing left, its over!

B. HOW CAN WE HAVE THIS TYPE OF COMMITMENT? (2 Tim. 4:6-8)

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

1. Readiness!
2. A Fighting Spirit!
3. A Desire to Win!