



NOTHING CAN STOP GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU

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True, there is nothing to be gained by it, but [as I am obliged] to boast, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 12:1

God is a dreamer too

And God said; Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

And God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.

And God said, Behold! I have given you every herb seeding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree seeding seed; to you it shall be for food. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:26-29, 31

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your Law, "I said, You are gods?"

John 10:34 (Amplified)

God makes things out of nothing, and he has passed on to you the ability to do the same thing – to make something out of what you cannot see.

God is the giver of visions. ask him for yours

Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].

Ephesians 3:20 (Amplified)

Let Gideon's story remind you about three things:

How God Sees You.

Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent].

Ephesians 1:4-5

Before you can discover what God has called you to do or reach your full potential, you have to find a lasting basis on which to build your self-worth. Just as your beliefs can move you forward, your shadow beliefs can hold you back.

Today you have a choice; either let others determine your worth, or let God.

The Importance of Obedience.

When Paul said that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision (Acts 26:19), what kinds of challenges to his obedience did he face?

Yes, he went through all of that and more, but Paul the great apostle thinks of it as the “small print” of his life. He calls it a “light affliction”.

Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.

For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!],

Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (Amplified)

The Power of Brokenness

And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him, and said to him, Jehovah is with you, mighty warrior.

Judges 6:12

When he blew a trumpet, 32 000 Israelites showed up to fight the Midianite army. The Midianites had 250 000 men, so 32 000 was just a drop in the bucket.

God decided to make the army of Gideon smaller. First, He had Gideon discharge the ones who were afraid, which was a lot of them – 22 000! Now the army was down to 10 000.

Sometimes God will diminish you to deliver you!

There's no greater or safer place to be than right in the center of God's will, even if that place seems to be a place of disadvantage.

In Judges 7, Gideon obeyed when God told him to bring the 10 000 remaining men down to the water to drink. **He watched** how they drank. The ones who used their hands to scoop up the water were the ones God would use to bring about the victory. Now, out of 10 000, only 300 were left.

Why scooping?

It's as if God were saying, ***Come to Me with empty hands. Put down your carnal weapons. I'm not going to use whatever you have been depending on to win this battle.***

Besides that, God wants to use people who have empty, clean hands! Clean hands represent a level of consecration and holiness. He wants to use people who will obey without hesitation.

Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the Word of Jehovah saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of Hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

SUDDENLY!

When Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped and returned to the camp of Israel and said, Arise, for the Lord has given into your hand the host of Midian. And he divided the 300 men into three companies, and he put into the hands of all of them trumpets and empty pitchers, with torches inside the pitchers.

And he said to them, Look at me, then do likewise. When I come to the edge of their camp, do as I do.

When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, For the Lord and for Gideon!

So Gideon and the 100 men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when the guards had just been changed, and they blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers that were in their hands.

And the three companies blew the trumpets and shattered the pitchers, holding the torches in their left hands, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow [leaving no chance to use swords], and they cried, The sword for the Lord and Gideon!

They stood every man in his place round about the camp, and all the [Midianite] army ran—they cried out and fled.

Judges 7:15-21

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

...bring it to a flourishing finish (MESSAGE). You have a “flourishing finish” awaiting you!

Definition of UNIQUE: Distinctive, uncommon, exclusive, unusual....

- What is the impact I have in the life of people?
- You get only noticed when you are different, not the same as others.
- Celebrate the differences in people.
- It is a rare art to be one of a kind.