

Dream

IT'S TIME TO DREAM AGAIN

Dream: It's Our Responsibility

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Scripture: Acts 17:24-32

Series Overview:

Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. It's time to DREAM again! We're believing God for nothing less than Revival, Reformation, and Renaissance in our nation, in our generation. The capacity to dream is part of the image of God, and the supernatural byproduct of a Spirit-filled life. Show me the size of your dream, and I'll show you the size of your God. It's time to dream big, pray hard, and think long!

Series Discussion Questions:

What are some dreams the Lord has been stirring in your heart?

Message Overview:

The call to DREAM again is not only an invitation but a responsibility. Dreaming is not just for the self-identified "Dreamer", but a responsibility for us all. Join us as we walk through what it means to live from and toward a DREAM way of life!

Message-Specific Discussion Questions:

How do I dream in my current stage of life, and what do I do with it?

Dreaming is a responsibility

- Read Genesis 50:24. Our dreams are not a destination. Dreaming is for all of us.
- God gives us permission to dream again! To dream for more! This is not the destination.

Where you are comfortable, be careful

- Read Genesis 50:26 – they buried Joseph in Egypt, but that wasn't what he had asked.
- Multiplication is not a sign to stay. The dream that got you where you are does not tell you where to go.
- Dreams must be alive & growing! Comfort doesn't come in your dreams or accomplishments.
- Read John 14:16. Comfort is found in a person. The Holy Spirit is the comforter.
- Israel came to Egypt for the *blessing*- they stayed for *comfort*- they ended up in *bondage*.
- Without a *living dream* we risk falling into a place of bondage

Living dreams are about a foundation

- How does God see me?
- The foundational understanding is more than how I see myself, or how others see me
- God often gives us opportunities to receive help and strength. To keep it simple and understand who I am.
- Don't waste your pain. Recognize how much God wants to make us whole through every stage of life
- Where is he challenging you to dive deeper? To care for yourself the way He loves his own creation.

Living dreams are about anticipation

- Read Joshua 3:5
- Being able to ask myself, "where is God going to show up in my life today?"
- Seeking to recognize God in work around us, and to join Him

Living dreams are about transformation

- Read Colossians 3:2 and Romans 12:2
- Dreaming is as much a spiritual battle as anything we do.
- We need to have discernment- not a mental skill but spiritual wisdom.
- Reflect on Matthew 16:25.
- Read 1 Peter 1:13-14. It requires action. Movement and growth... Transformation involves a workout.
- How do I answer the question, "Who am I becoming?"

Living dreams are about impartation

- Read Genesis 50:19-21
- Joseph forgives his brothers because he understood the greater cause that God intended. He had been transformed.
- Whatever my current level of transformation, is exponentially impactful to those in my life.
- Read Exodus 20:6. God multiplies our obedience far beyond what we can do in our own strength.
- How does my life share the love of Christ, in the spaces I live?
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Living dreams are about orchestration

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:26-27
- Purpose is just across the border of "What's in it for me?"
- Dreaming requires all of us. I am just one part of the symphony.

"You are most like yourself when you are most like Christ"

Pr. Robb Schmidgall

Prayer: *"Lord help me have a newfound peace in knowing that the dream you have given me is special. You are walking with me and love me so much. You have the big picture figured out. Help me share the love you have given me, and make room for more love as I grow in my relationship with you."*

Practical Application

- Dive deeper in a Bible reading plan and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan). Prayerfully ask for God to give you discernment through hearing God's Word. See yourself as God sees you.
- Join in with a community of believers. Find an NCC Small group that you can walk with in this season. national.cc/groups. If you need partnership in Christ-centered care, support and recovery, we are here to walk with you. national.cc/care-prayer/care
- Start the day with positive encouragement, in a prayerful virtual gathering by joining the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. **Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom**