

Finishing your Dream and Vision

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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God speaks in dreams and visions (Job 33:15) to give instructions in order to achieve His purpose. We may have abandoned some long unfulfilled dreams and visions of the past. We must allow God to stir up these dream and visions so that we can live life to the fullest just as He has planned.

God revealed His instructions to His prophets in dreams and visions.

1. "Your sons and daughters will prophesy; your young men shall see visions; your old men shall dream dreams" (Joel 2:17).
2. Nehemiah dreamt of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and did so.
3. Daniel saw the Archangel Michael in a dream (Daniel 7).
4. Joseph, who went through painful trials in life, witnessed fulfillment of his prophetic dreams (Gen. 37:5-10).

Leaders should have visions of what God wants for their charge.

1. Without a vision, the people become demoralized (Prov. 29:18).
2. No matter what happens, God's word will come true in His time (Hab. 2:2).
3. The Lord does not do anything without revealing His plans to His prophets (Amos 3:7).

Steps to achieving the dream or vision

To attain our dreams, we should:

1. Write down the vision.
 - "It will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Hab. 2:2-3).
2. Have a driving force to keep it alive.
3. Retain our integrity.
 - Be totally dependent on God for guidance.
4. Stand on our vision.
5. Believe and trust in God.
6. Faith picture our vision (Mk. 11:22-25).
7. Step out on the dream.
 - Faith without action is dead (Jas. 2:17).
8. Dream our dream and do it.
9. Confess our dream.
10. Dream big; we don't limit God.

11. Plan with faith by taking God at His word and acting accordingly.

- "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to carry it out" (Jer. 1:12).

12. Don't limit the extent to which God can help us. His ability to meet our need is beyond limitation.

13. Don't be complacent.

- God hates complacency (Amos 6:1).

Beware of dream killers:

1. Satan hates that we have a God-given dream or vision.
2. Opinion polls – no one cares about our dream like we do.
3. Fear of men – some men love to shoot down our dream.

God is encouraging us to dream big, and not to be discouraged and to doubt about delays. Instead, He wants us to walk by faith, not by sight. We must pay attention to His words which should not depart from our hearts. There is no limit to God's power; nothing is too hard for Him to do.

Reflection: Are you still hesitating in fulfilling your dreams when you know that God is on your side?

Pursue your God-given dreams. If He sees your faith, He will allow it to happen. Believe and it will be done unto you.

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