



## What Does God Want for Me? Capturing the Dream

Genesis 12:1-5

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John 10:10, “My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.” (TLB)

**I can discover the life I really want.**

**It all starts with a dream.**

Genesis 12:1-5, “1 The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’ 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.” (NIV)

### Dream Misconceptions

- I don’t have a dream.
- I have a dream, but it’s not important.
- I have a dream, but God has to make it happen.
- I had a dream, but it’s too late now.

### How to Capture God's Dream:

- **I have to know God.**

In the Bible, Abraham is called, “God’s friend” (2 Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; Jas. 2:23).

- **I have to hear God.**

### How does God speak to us?

- Scripture (Psa. 119:105; Rom. 10:17)
- Prayer / Promptings of the Spirit (Acts 20:22; Rom. 8:14)
- Godly Counsel (Prov. 11:14; Heb. 13:17)

Genesis 12:7-8, “7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.”

To be in the position to hear God’s dream, I must...

- Refocus on God: “Altars”
- Re-surrender everything to God: “Tents”

### Dream Characteristics

- God’s dreams are big dreams.
- God’s dreams meet big needs.

- **I have to believe God.**

Galatians 3:6, “Consider Abraham: ‘He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’” (NIV)

Faith is believing when I can’t see it.

Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (NIV)

How I respond to God’s promises determines what God can do through my life.

Matthew 9:29, “...‘According to your faith will it be done to you.’” (NIV)

- **I have to obey God.**

Hebrews 11:8, “By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.” (NIV)

- To obey God, I must leave my comfort zone.
- To obey God, I must risk the unknown.

### For Give Life do 2 things:

**1) Participate:** Get involved.

**2) Pray:** “God, show me what you want me to do and give me the courage to do it.”

**Q: What is God’s Dream for me?**

**Q: What is God’s Dream for my church?**

**Q: Am I going to pursue them?**