

WHEN YOUR DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

CHAPTER 4 | TEACHING SEGMENT 3

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OUTLINE

OUR DREAMS CONTAIN TRUE PURPOSE

WHEN WE LIVE FOR SIGNIFICANCE RATHER THAN SUCCESS

PREMISE:

- Learn to **ASSIMILATE** your dream, not just admire it
- **PURSUE** a dream with significance for future generations

1. BRINGING OUR DREAMS TO FULFILLMENT

A. Visualizing the dream

- Your dream must become so vivid that no one can talk you out of it.
- Keep your eyes on its fulfillment, bypassing the naysayers and challenges.
- Speak truth to yourself: I have God and the Holy Spirit; my RAS is redeemed and focuses me on the right value and the greatness of God.
- Dreams take time. They do come to pass but the journey involves effort.
- Some people put an age limit or deadline on when the dream should have been fulfilled. Avoid this trap; allow yourself to think in free-flow style.
- Remember: Where you are presently is not your final destination. Continue to focus on the bigger picture.

B. Assimilating the dream

- If your dream is dependent on the approval or disapproval of others, that dream will remain only an external admiration in your life; you have not assimilated it as something that can actually happen to you.
- When we admire something—even our dream—we're not proactive; we're still seeking the approval of others to tell us we're able to achieve it.
- But...when you see yourself in the vision and take action, it no longer matters what others think. You've now gone from admiring your dream to assimilating it (see page 59).
- To see your dream as reality, allow your natural mind to agree with the supernatural God.
- Create bright pictures of past accomplishments and victories and paint them on the canvas of that new dream, remembering you're well able to bring it to pass!

2. SUCCESS VS. SIGNIFICANCE

A. We need others

- No one accomplishes their dream on their own. We need safe people in our lives, those who believe in us and see the person we are becoming.
- These mentors speak to our potential, not our present level.
- We not only need people to be a part of our journey to share our successes, but we want their dream to be expanded too.
- We can also be our own cheerleader. Speak to yourself (in writing or verbally) in positive, affirming ways.

B. Leave a legacy

- Key component: Are we living with a selfish ambition or are we living for significance?

- Success lives in the shallow, present moment while we are still here on earth; significance contains deeper purpose that lives on after we die.
- Walk out your dream with the understanding and purpose that the seed that you are planting will benefit generations to come.

C. Those who lived for significance

- Nelson Mandela, who fought apartheid in South Africa to bring racial equality and justice to his country.
- Billy Graham, a man of humble heart and spirit, who lived faithful to his dream of bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the world.
- Others in the Bible including Esther, who stood in the gap for her people.
- Martin Luther King, Jr., whose “I Have a Dream” speech has resounded with untold millions who have shared his dream of freedom and equality.
- “Grandpa” Dobri Dobrev, viewed as a beggar in Bulgaria for most of his 90 years until his true motive was uncovered. His dream of helping orphans and restoring cathedrals was born of goodness and love for God, his country, and its people.

D. Pursuing your dream

- People will become part of your dream when you allow that dream to live for the future generations.
- As you pursue your dream and allow others to share in it, walk in humility and quietly seek God’s direction rather than the world’s acclaim.
- It’s important to acknowledge our successes but more important to look at our lives today and be able to say, I’m doing this for the future significance of what my dream is going to bring to pass.

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