



REVIVING OUR CAPACITY TO DREAM AGAIN

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2025: OUR YEAR OF FULFILLED DREAMS GENESIS 41:1, GENESIS 42:9

- Dreams are God's way of revealing purpose and directing our lives (**Jeremiah 29:11, Genesis 41:1; 42:9**).
- A God-given dream is bigger than any individual; it is not about personal achievement but about fulfilling God's plan. It is often bigger than our current capacity, requiring faith, growth and total dependence on God (**Nehemiah 1-2, Hebrews**).
- Most heroes of faith had no physical evidence that their dreams would come to pass, but they held on to God's word (**Hebrews 11:1, 13, Genesis 21:2, 5**).
- Sometimes, despite having a God-given dream, you will face opposition and setbacks. These challenges, however, prepare us, as the process is just as important as the promise (**Genesis 37, 39, 41, 42**).
- God-given dreams are meant to give glory to God and point people to Him. The fulfilment of such dreams serves as a testimony of things to come (**Genesis 50:15, 19-20; 37:10-5, Daniel 1:17, Matthew 2:12, Acts 10:11-15**).
- We can revive our dreams through a fresh word or revelation from God, through mentors and destiny helpers, and through seasons of preparation and waiting.
- God often reconnects us with our dreams by reminding us of what He originally said. He may speak through Scripture, a sermon, a prophetic word, or personal revelation to reignite the dream.
- If you feel lost, always return to what God originally said and seek His guidance afresh (**Habakkuk 2:2-3**).
- God places people in our lives who can remind us of our calling, offer wisdom, and encourage us during tough times.
- Sometimes, we need someone to challenge us or reignite our faith in God's word, just as Jonathan did to David (**1 Samuel 23:15-17**). Therefore, ensure you surround yourself with godly mentors and encouragers who can help you reignite and realign your passion with God's plan for your life.
- Delay does not mean denial.

Sometimes, God allows us to go through seasons of refinement and growth before we can fulfil our dreams (***Malachi 3:3; Zechariah 13:9***). In seasons of waiting, we develop character, faith, patience and wisdom to handle the dreams God has given us.

- Make sure you do not mistake seasons of preparation for abandonment. Like David, God is working behind the scenes to equip you to fulfil the dream He has given you, despite the many challenges you may face (***1 Samuel 16; 2 Samuel 5***).
- Some of the reasons why dreams seem delayed or lost include life challenges and opposition, self-doubt and fear, sin and disobedience, and God's perfect timing.
- After receiving a dream from God, sometimes life takes an unexpected turn—challenges and opposition—you experience betrayal, loss, setbacks and opposition, and this makes you question the authenticity of your dream. Joseph had a dream that he would become a ruler among his kin. Instead, he was sold into slavery (***Genesis 37:5-11; 18-36***).

When dreams seem delayed as a result of self-doubt and fear, they paralyse us and make us question our adequacy in fulfilling God's dream. We begin to wonder if God made a mistake by choosing us to fulfil this dream. That was the situation Moses found himself in when God called him to deliver the children of Israel from slavery. Rather than trusting in God's power, he began to look at his lack of eloquence and even begged that Aaron take his place (***Exodus 4:10-12***).

- When dreams seem delayed as a result of sin and disobedience to God's commands, they can slow down or derail God's plans for us. If Joseph had been disloyal to his master by succumbing to the temptation of his master's wife, he would have derailed from God's plan for him, and the dream of greatness would have been shattered (***Genesis 37:5-11; 39:7-12***).
- The story of Jonah is an example of disobedience to God's command. He was given an assignment to the people of Nineveh, but he ran in the opposite direction. However, God showed Himself as merciful in the life of Jonah by realigning him with His purpose after He

had repented (***Jonah 1:3-17***).

- When dreams seem delayed, we need to understand God's perfect timing. Sometimes, it feels like God has forgotten us. This is because God works according to His divine timeline and not ours. Abraham and Sarah waited on God for decades before they saw the promise of God fulfilled in their lives (***Genesis 12-21; 15:4-5***).
- Every God-given dream will face obstacles. Therefore, recognising these obstacles will enable you to push through with faith and perseverance.
- Fear stands for “False Evidence Appearing Real.” It is one of the most powerful tools the devil uses to stop people from stepping into their God-ordained purpose. Fear is a spirit, and it is not from God (***2 Timothy 1:7***).
- Overcoming fear requires us to trust God's power and not our own abilities (***Proverbs 3:5-6***). Remember, if God has given you the dream, He will equip you with the means to fulfil that dream (***2 Corinthians 9:8***).
- In overcoming obstacles regarding your God-given dreams, you must overcome

impatience. One of the hardest parts of achieving a dream is waiting for God's timing (***Habakkuk 2:3***). When we feel like things are taking too long to fall into place, we are often tempted to force things to happen, thereby causing unnecessary complications, delays or even the loss of God's presence (***1 Samuel 13:8-14***). Always hold on to God's word and wait for His timing because God's timing is perfect.

- God-given dreams often attract resistance or mockery, especially from people who do not understand or support the vision. The purpose of external opposition is to distract, intimidate and discourage one from acting on the God-given dream. When pursuing a God-given dream, stay focused, remain prayerful and do not let distractions derail you (***Nehemiah 6:1-4***).
- In dealing with obstacles to achieving our dreams, spiritual warfare is another thing we need to deal with. Not all delays and obstacles are natural – some are spiritual. The devil works hard to discourage, distract and hinder anyone pursuing his or her God-ordained dream. This can manifest as unexpected

challenges, delays, confusion or even exhaustion. Therefore, when facing such, continue to pray, fast and stand firm in the faith. Some breakthroughs require persistence in the spirit (**Daniel 10:1-13; Matthew 17:19-21**).

- In building the capacity to fulfil our dreams, it is important to recognise that understanding the dream itself, knowing how to revive our ability to dream, and acknowledging that roadblocks will arise are all essential. However, building capacity is a major part of fulfilling our dreams.
- Achieving any God-given dream requires preparation, growth and alignment with God's processes and timing.
- Building the capacity to fulfil our dreams entails growing spiritually, developing skills, building character, and forming the right connections.
- It is important to grow spiritually in fulfilling our dream because a God-given dream is birthed in faith and sustained through consistent spiritual growth (**1 Peter 2:2**). To achieve this growth, we need to seek God's wisdom (**1 Kings 3:9, James**

1:5) and stay rooted in God's word (**Romans 10:17**). Note that a weak spiritual life will hinder your dream from being fulfilled. Ensure to build a strong relationship with God.

- Developing skills is important in achieving our God-given dreams because having a dream without making the necessary preparations is a recipe for frustration (**Matthew 7:26-27**).
- God often gives us small responsibilities as training grounds for greater assignments (**Proverbs 22:29**). Use seasons of waiting to learn, grow and sharpen your abilities. Preparation determines how well you handle your dream when it manifests.
- In today's world, the need to develop leadership skills (hard and soft skills) and new technologies (AI, Analytics, Design Thinking, etc.) cannot be overemphasised.
- God does not just prepare us for the dream; He prepares us as individuals. Without the right character, success can destroy us (e.g. **Samson in Judges 13-16**). God values integrity, humility, obedience, resilience and faithfulness to His word

(Luke 16:10). Remember, the weight of the responsibility that comes with a dream requires maturity and discipline.

- In fulfilling your God-given dream, it is important you know that forming the right connections is key as no one fulfils a dream alone. God often uses people to position us for greatness. Therefore, it is important to form the right connections and be accountable to someone who will push you towards achieving your God-given dream **(Proverbs 27:17)**. The right relationships will push you forward, while the wrong relationships will stagnate or destroy your dream. Choose wisely.

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- “The attribute you need the most is not the will to start; it is the steadfastness to remain. It is not the capacity to dream; it is the courage to deal with the nightmares and still continue day after day.”— Anonymous.