

Welcome to The Citadel Global Community Church where stars are born and great futures are created. Welcome to the home of consummate and conscientious nation builders whose hearts are open to the plans of the Holy Spirit, and in whose lives all things godly are possible because we choose to win by righteousness.

THE BEST DREAMS COME TO PASS WHEN YOU ARE AWAKE

...backing your dream with focused, results-oriented action

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Awake to Righteousness

When God gives you a dream, He will bring it to pass by Himself. No one can stop or hinder your God-given dream from coming to pass except you. You are the only one who can stop your blessing. The greatest enemy you have is yourself. When you are asleep, you're unaware of your state until you wake up. Jonah was sleeping when the storm came. That was a terrible sleep. It is a kind of sleep that robs you of the authority to still the storm in your life until you are thrown into the "sea" (**Jonah 1:12-15**). You must awake to righteousness (**1 Corinthians 15:34**).

Everyone has a dream, and every dream has a plan. God will never show you a dream you cannot achieve because you have what it takes to reach your goal. In **Genesis 28:1-5, 11-12, 16,18**, the Bible records that Jacob had a dream. It is, however,

important to note that at that juncture, Jacob did not expect the dream he had. He left home in obedience to the commandments and instruction of his father to get a godly wife for himself in Padan Aram. When he got to the place where the sun was set, he took a stone, used it as a pillow and slept.

Anytime God wants to come into your life, He does not need your permission. He is the Creator while you are the creature. That is why anytime He wants to bless you, He does not need anybody's permission. Whether people gang up against you or not, it does not disturb God.

So, it was natural for Jacob to sleep because the sun had set, and he could not continue his journey. There is time for everything under the sun (**Ecclesiastes 3:1**). There is a time to sleep and a time to wake up. But Jacob's sleep was

unusual because God chose that day to step into his life and show him what He would do for him.

Do Not Remain in the Dreamland

Many people never achieve their dreams because they remain in the dreamland. If your dream is of God, you will wake up with His presence, you will not forget the dream, and you will have the assurance that God will bring it to pass by Himself (**Genesis 28:16**). In the entire Bible, God Himself fulfilled every dream He gave to people. Joseph had no idea how his dreams would be realised, but God brought them to pass (**Genesis 37:5-11; 45:4-6**).

Give Legs to Your Dream

Many of us remain in a dreamland called a world of fantasy. We have big dreams but lack the means to realise them. Consequently, these dreams remain dormant within us. For your dreams to come to pass, your pillow must become a pillar (**Genesis 28:16, 18**). You must give "legs" to your dreams and strength to your vision because faith without works is dead. Faith without corresponding action is shallow and empty (**James 2:14-26**).

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WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."

THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- * By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer
- ➔ Ministry of the Word
- ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers

OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence



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If you are tall on dreams but short on works, you are a dwarf. But you are a senseless giant if you are tall on works and short on dreams. It takes a dream and a vision to propel you into result-oriented action, or else you will fight aimlessly as one who beats the air because you have no objective (**1 Corinthians 9:26**).

Do Not Turn Your Pillar into a Monument

Every man has a dream, and every dream has a plan. God will never show you a dream you cannot achieve. But to achieve your dream and reach your goal, you must tap into the inner resources that will get you there because you have what it takes. The day the Holy Spirit comes into your life, you already have all it takes to fulfil your assignment. Jacob turned his pillow into a pillar, but he did not allow that pillar to become a monument. So many times, our movements have monuments. It is a monumental error for you to live in a world of dreams and never wake up from your dream. People have often taken God for granted, presumptuously expecting Him to do for them what they can and should do for themselves.

There is a dimension where the natural and the supernatural come together to produce a miracle. You must assess where you are before determining where you are going. You must evaluate what you have before desiring what you wish to acquire. Jacob's pillar did not become a monument because, as the Bible says, he rose and moved on, continuing the journey for which he set out (**Genesis 29:1**).

A Clear Objective Is a Job Half-Done

Jacob did not just turn his pillow into a pillar, he also did not allow his pillar to become a monument. He simply gave movement to his dream, moving clearly towards his destination. When he got to

where he was going, he began fishing for relevant information about his objective (**Genesis 29:1-6**).

I want you always to remember that a clear objective is always a job half-done. Your job is already half-done when you have a clear objective of your assignment or what God asks you to do. This is because every step you take thereafter will be a step toward fulfilling your destiny and assignment.

Be Abreast of the Facts of Your Dream

It is important to note that the dream Jacob had on his way was not his objective. Instead, the dream was God's approval stamp upon his objective. When he stepped out of the house, his aim was to get a godly wife. Pursuit is always the evidence of desire. When you desire something, you have to go get it. You must always be abreast of the facts relating to your vision and dream if they will ever come to pass (**Isaiah 29:8**).

Roll Up Your Sleeves

When Jacob got to where he was going, he rolled up his sleeves to work. The Bible says the moment he saw Rachel, he went to roll away the stone from the well and got some water for her and the flocks before he kissed her (**Genesis 29:1-11**). It is important to note that when Jacob kissed Rachel, it was not a romantic kiss; it was just a form of greeting in their culture because Laban also kissed Jacob. That was what Paul meant when he was talking about a holy kiss (**Genesis 29:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:26**). So, when God brings you to where He wants you to be, you must learn to roll up your sleeves and get to work.

Selfless Service Is Key

The key to accomplishing your goal in life is selfless service. After Laban came to meet with Jacob,

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

the Bible says Jacob remained in that house for a whole month doing what he did on the first day—helping them to roll away the stone from the well and feeding the flocks without asking for any remuneration. If you are going to give “legs” to your dream, you must come to terms with yourself and understand that service is not a stepping stone to greatness; service is greatness because anyone who wants to be the greatest must be the servant of all (**Genesis 28:14-15, Matthew 20:24-28**).

Jacob trusted God and understood that there is profit in all labour (**Proverbs 14:23**). But when the opportunity came to ask for wages, he allowed his objective to determine his choice, and he negotiated from the position of strength (**Genesis 29:15-20, 21-30**).

Do What You Love

The secret to success in life is to love what you do and do what you love. Many people are frustrated because love is absent from their work. To reach your goal, do not settle for less than God's best. Those who consistently achieve their goals do not settle for less than God's best.

Always remember that when God gives you a dream, only you can hinder its fulfilment. You are your greatest enemy. With faith and corresponding actions, you can reach your goals and achieve true greatness by serving others.

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