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Dream and Imagine Distinctives Part 1

The Power of a Renewed Imagination

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Can you remember your last dream?
- Do dreams have a purpose? If so, what?
- Does God ever speak to you in Dreams?
- How would you define the human imagination? What is its purpose?
- When was the last time you used your imagination? Were you aware that you were using it?

THE MAIN IDEA

Dream and Imagine has always been a prophetic and creative ministry. While all churches should fulfill the purposes of worship, discipleship, and ministry and mercy to the world, our why and how distinguishes us from other ministries.

We value and promote spirit-led creative worship, where musicians, singers, and songwriters can improvise and create new music and compositions. We don't just follow a discipleship program, but discipleship is a way of life, doing life together as we pursue our Lord Jesus. And we do ministry in partnership with Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, believing and expecting God to move in powerful ways, healing the sick, binding up the brokenhearted, and preaching the gospel's good news.

1 Corinthians 14:1,ESV: Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.







DEFINING THE WORD DREAM

- Dreams are thoughts, images, and sensations occurring in a person's mind during sleep.
- Another definition for the word dream is a cherished aspiration, ambition, or idea.
- In the Bible, dreams are often sources of divine revelation that indicate what someone should do, reveal what will happen, or explain current events.



DREAMS & THE PROPHETIC MINISTRY

Dream = Represents the prophetic ministry and how God engages our spirits and subconscious mind.

- Numbers 12:6, ESV: 6 And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream.
- Acts 2:17, ESV: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;
- Daniel 1:17, ESV: 17 As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.



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- Genesis 40:8, ESV: 8 They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."
- Matthew 2:13, ESV: 13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."





Romans 12:2, ESV: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

• To renew our mind is to imagine and interpret life through the lens of God's Word and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 19:25-26, ESV: 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

• The sanctified imagination boldly believes in the revealed word of God and acts upon it.



Mark 5:35-36, ESV: 35 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 But overhearing[a] what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

• The sanctified imagination trusts in God's goodness when our circumstances tempt us to doubt. The sanctified imagination is faith-filled.



Imagine = To imagine is to form a mental image or concept. Our imaginations reflect our ability as people made in the image of God (Imago Dei) to create and use our minds to respond to and relate to God.

- All people have the potential for creativity because we are made in the image of God. To create means to bring new ideas or things into existence.
- Our ability to imagine and create is the most powerful human ability. This ability makes us different from the rest of creation and validates that we are made in the image of God. Our imaginations allow us to create images, ideas, impressions, and simulated realities that we can explore without giving up access to the real world.
- The workings of our imaginations can be spontaneous and deliberate, ordinary and extraordinary, conscious and unconscious, deriving from the outer or inner world; we all have the responsibility and a mandate from God to submit our imaginations to the Holy Spirit, to have "renewed minds."
- When under the influence of the Holy Spirit, the imagination is extremely powerful.



Imagine = Represents our ability as people made in the image of God (Imago Dei) to be creative and use our minds to respond to and relate to God.

- Genesis 1:28, ESV: 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living that moves on the earth."
- Romans 12:2, ESV: 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- Exodus 31:1-5, ESV: The Lord said to Moses, 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.



1 Samuel 16:14-23, ESV: 14 Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him. 15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well." 17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me a man who can play well and bring him to me." 18 One of the young men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the Lord is with him." 19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep." 20 And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them by David his son to Saul. 21 And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight." 23 And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.



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- Psalm 96:1-4, ESV: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV:** 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

10 Core Values of Dream and Imagine

Loving Relationships

Spirit-led Worship

Sound Doctrine

Transformative Discipleship

Deep Spiritual Formation

Biblical Flourishing

Bold Faith

Joyful Creativity

Sincere Hospitality

Spirit-empowered Ministry

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7, ESV: 6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

