

## **Dreaming Again (Part 2)**

### **(Defining Your Dream)**

### **And Refusing to Retreat**

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**Observation: Defining your dream is a process!**

**Annual Question: How Do You Dream Again?**

#### **I. Reviewing Your Dream**

**Question From Last Week: How well have you managed your current dream (Moses struggled)**

**1st Text: Exodus 2:11-12** (Moses dream was to help his brothers with their burdens)

- 11 Now it came to pass in those days, when **Moses was grown**, that **he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens**. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So **he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.**
- 12 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”

**Note:** The result was he lost all future opportunities to advance because **he did not manage his passion for his dream well** (Deuteronomy 1:37, 3:23-28)

#### **II. Two Things That Can Stop Your Dreams**

##### **1. Disappointment Can Stop Your Dream**

- Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

(New King James Version)

##### **2. Ignorance Can Stop Your Dream**

- Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. (NKJV)

**Big Question for Today:** When you look into the mirror, what do you dream to see?

**An Honest Answer:**

- I want to **look good**

- I want to **look like a believer**
- I want to **look like success**
- I want to **look good to others**

### III. Two Sets of Dreams We Should Consider

#### 1. Spiritual Dreams

- A. Our Spiritual **Routines** (Do your routines say you dream of a relationship with God?)
- B. Our Spiritual **Support** (Do you have people that help you dream of growing spiritually?)
- C. Our Spiritual **Investment** (Do you dream of investing more time in your spiritual growth?)
- D. Our Spiritual **Struggles** (Do you dream of letting go of things that hinder your growth?)
- E. Our Spiritual **Impact** (Do you dream of inspiring others to grow spiritually?)

**Note: I developed a just in case I die plan Now, I need a just in case I live plan**

#### 2. Practical Dreams

- A. Our Future
- B. Our Finances
- C. Our Fitness
- D. Our Family
- E. Our Focus

**Next Time: Dreaming Again Surprise**

#### **Bonus: Refuse to Retreat**

##### 1. Don't retreat because you lost your Moses

- 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 **“Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. (Joshua 1:1–9,NKJV)**

##### 2. Don't retreat and become inactive

- 3 **Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you,** as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

### **3. Don't retreat because of a fear of conflict**

- 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you nor forsake you.**

### **4. Don't retreat and become weak**

- 6 **Be strong** and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 **Only be strong** and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

### **5. Don't retreat stand strong and make your way prosperous**

- 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will **make your way prosperous**, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”