

## DREAM ON! - The Journey Of A Big Dream

Scripture used: Gen 41:52 (NLT)

### OVERVIEW

This weekend we celebrate and recognize the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. While most of the public recognize him as an accomplished doctor and champion for civil rights, many overlook the fact that he was an ordained reverend and committed follower of Christ. In 1963, he delivered his famous speech, "I have a dream". And even though he was known to be fearless and influential, his biggest fear was how much the public put him on a high pedestal when he was just an ordinary man following an extraordinary God. He was a man whom God had instilled big dreams to accomplish, despite the monumental challenges he faced.

Today's message parallels his life with the life of Moses, who similarly faced a God sized dream. He also had many fears that often tempted him to quit. But, in the end, they both recognized God as the initiator and sustainer of the dream which allowed them to experience the journey of God's big dream for them. What is keeping you from walking the journey of the big dream?

### KEY POINTS

The Journey requires me to:

- 1) Identify my "big dream". Exodus 3:1-3 tells us about Moses' encounter with a burning bush in the middle of the desert. When he went to investigate it, he encountered the Lord, and God revealed His purpose for him. For MLK, it was when, as a young child, he pursued after wanting to know why his white friends stopped playing with him. This fanned the flame inside him to stop civil injustice. In the same way, we need to identify our burning bush, God's way to communicate His dreams for you.
- 2) Leave my comfort zone. When God spoke to Moses, he had lived as a shepherd for 40 years. This day-to-day life became his comfort zone until he encountered the burning bush. When God gives you a dream, He sets it beyond your comfort zone. But more than just our daily routines, our comfort zones can be identified through our grief, our anger, or even our unanswered questions of God. Even Dr. King resisted the call to become a reverend when he was young. When we are in the midst of finding our journey, we need to know how to leave our comfort zones, and even find others living out theirs and follow their example.
- 3) Face my fears. Fears can protect you when you are feeling threatened. But it can prevent us from living out our dreams. Moses in Exodus 3:11 felt unworthy to accept the dream God had for him by saying "who am I that I should go?" In Exodus 4:10, he even gave excuses because he felt unable to do the tasks ahead. Courage is not acting in absence of fear, but acting despite the fear. We need to press forward knowing God forgets the stains in our lives and also goes ahead of us in the pursuit of our dreams!
- 4) Expect much opposition. This opposition can often times come from those we are close to. Sometimes, the opposition comes from voices within us. But just as much as we have opposition, we are also sent others who stand alongside with us.

### DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** What is God's Big Dream for you? What is your burning bush experience? In what areas in your life has God spoken to you to dream big?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** What are the things that prevent you from living out God's dream from you? Is it comforts? Fears? Fear of opposition? What are concrete steps (even small ones) that you can take to overcome those fears?
- 3) **DO** Continue the January challenge. Read Gen 37 & 39-45. Take 2 steps: (1) schedule 15 minutes a day to read and think; (2) using a journal, list the questions and insights God brings to mind. Finally, take time to reflect on what God's big dream may be for you! Are you ready? Let's GO!